

Take the CONSERVATION COMMUNITY QUIZ



Conservation has a role for everyone! We've developed a quiz for ten of the many possibilities. For each question, circle the letter for the choice of your closest fit.

1 Which invertebrate appeals to you most?

- a) A soldier beetle for the role they play in compost.
- b) Fender's blue butterfly: in need of habitat.
- c) Beneficial insects: the garden helpers.
- d) An earth worm because they enrich the soil.
- e) Monarch butterfly: many options to support them.

2 What's a typical Earth Day activity for you?

- a) It's a perfect day to work in my garden/farm.
- b) I'm visiting booths at a community event.
- c) I'm sharing posts about the environment.
- d) I'm tending my compost.
- e) I'm out planting trees.
- f) I'm volunteering at a community clean up.

3 Which animal best matches your character?

- a) A wolf that, as a keystone species, has a big impact on its community.
- b) A western meadowlark with its beautiful song.
- c) A squirrel: always planting seeds and nuts.
- d) A crow because it's such an inquisitive bird.
- e) A beaver: busily constructing habitat.
- f) A raccoon: cleaning up and reducing waste.

4 Which action are you most likely to take at home?

- a) Getting caught up on current events.
- b) Sharing/creating environmental social media posts.
- c) Posting yard signs to explain about my certified habitat.
- d) Reading books about ecology.
- e) Decorating with nature-themed motifs.

5 On the weekend I am most likely to be found...

- a) attending a rally or writing letters to my elected representative.
- b) getting out and enjoying the outdoors I spent my work week planning for in meetings.
- c) working on a nature-themed art project or writing a newsletter.
- d) prepping a lesson that takes students outside
- e) attending a pollinator symposium.
- f) paddling on the river or bird watching.

6 Which quote are you most likely to hang a poster of or use in your email sign off?

- a) Trees are poems that the earth writes upon the sky. -Khalil Gibran
- b) Even if I knew that tomorrow the world would go to pieces, I would still plant my apple tree. -Martin Luther
- c) If you think in terms of a year, plant a seed; if in terms of ten years, plant trees; if in terms of 100 years, teach the people. -Confucius
- d) I meant to do my work today / But a brown bird sang in the apple tree / And a butterfly flitted across the field / And all the leaves were calling me. -Richard Le Gallienne
- e) He who plants a tree plants a hope. -Lucy Larcom
- e) I will be a hummingbird. I will do the best I can. -Wangari Maathai

7 Which gardening action are you most likely to take?

- a) Organizing a tool library for everyone to use.
- b) Taking kids outside to tend a school garden.
- c) Installing a mason bee nest box so I can watch these gentle super-pollinators in action.
- d) I don my boots, hard hat, and work gloves at the start of most work days.
- e) I have tried several kinds of compost systems and maintain them regularly.
- f) I love using a weed wrench for volunteer weed pulls

8 Which action are you most likely to take in the community?

- a) Lobbying or advocating for conservation policies.
- b) Dedicating my career to helping other achieve their conservation goals.
- c) Teaching classes on gardening topics.
- d) Engaging with the eco-clubs in which I'm a member.
- e) Volunteering to lead or support field trips.

9 Which book is highest on your list to read or recommend?

- a) Silent Spring by Rachel Carson
- b) A Sand County Almanac by Aldo Leopold
- c) Last Child in the Woods by Richard Louv
- d) Braiding Sweetgrass by Robin Wall Kimmerer
- e) Worms Eat My Garbage by Mary Appelhoff

Write the letter for each of your responses on the corresponding line:

1) _____ 2) _____ 3) _____ 4) _____ 5) _____ 6) _____ 7) _____ 8) _____ 9) _____

Now, fold down along the dotted line and flip page over.

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If you folded the paper correctly you should not be able to see this text.

Calculate: In the table below, circle the capital letter that corresponds with your answer for each question. The capital letter you circled the most times is your top role!

	a	b	c	d	e	f
1	I	H	B	D	J	
2	D	F	C	I	H	J
3	A	C	D	F	H	I
4	A	C	E	F	G	
5	A	B	C	E	F	G
6	C	D	E	G	H	J
7	B	E	G	H	I	J
8	A	B	E	G	J	
9	A	B	E	F	I	

A The Change Maker

Change makers flow like water, working with the surrounding elements to create vibrant, life-sustaining communities.

B The Communicator

Like anadromous salmon contributing to food webs from freshwater streams to the salty ocean, communicators engage in creative processes, informing and inspiring current and future generations.

C The Connector

Conservation connectors are the birds of the conservation community, flying between groups to build partnerships.

D The Cultivator

Cultivators, like the soil itself, are at the foundation of every habitat, field, and garden. They may be found working hands-on at a restoration site, farm, greenhouse or garden.

E The Educator

Educators' enthusiasm for the natural world is contagious. They support the growing minds of curious students.

F The Lifelong Learner

Like beneficial insects, these community members are curious, engaged, and make connections; cross-pollinating within the circles they travel.

G The Nature Enthusiast

Like flowers, nature enthusiasts are found on hiking trails, fishing or paddling along the river, biking, enjoying a nature walk with their friends, admiring the fruits of their labor in their garden, and learning about the world around them at group events.

H The Practitioner

Like beavers, these tenacious conservation community members optimistically tackle challenges to improve ecosystem functions and habitat conditions.

I The Remediator

Remediators are like fungi, unlocking nutrients for reuse in the food web, and can be found at compost facilities, waste water treatment plants, or elsewhere, applying their understanding of biochemical processes.

J The Volunteer

Volunteers are the rays of hope, shining their light at community events, sharing info and helping out at weed pulls and other community events.

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