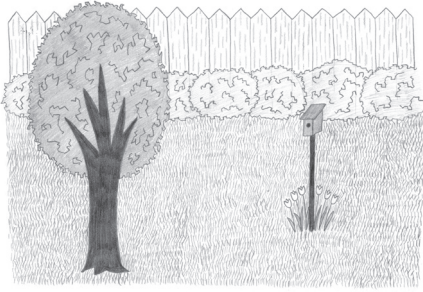


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Backyard Habitat

A backyard habitat is one that provides essential resources for different kinds of wildlife.

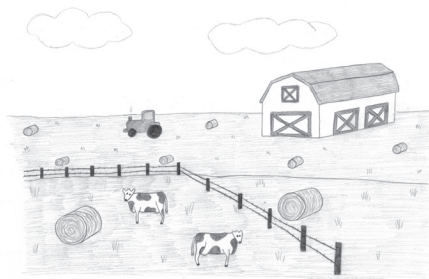


Typical Backyard

Any yard can provide habitat for cavity nesters and other animal species! It's not necessary to have a large piece of land. As people develop the land and alter it from its natural state, it becomes more and more important that we provide the resources wildlife need to survive: food, water, cover, and space.



Forest Edge



Farm or Pasture



Water



Forest

Creating Backyard Habitat

Figure out what type of habitat you live in. Do you live near forests, water, open areas, or urban areas? Through observation and research, find out which bird species live and reproduce in your habitat. You can improve your backyard habitat for these birds.

After installing a nest box in your yard, you can continue to create backyard habitat by:

- adding native plants for food (seeds, nectar) and cover
- putting up supplemental bird feeders
- providing a water source (heated in the winter)

