Glendale’s Habitat Garden Education Program

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Glendale Habitat Garden 1996
Glendale Xeriscape Demonstration Garden
Sonoran Desert: the importance of place

One of the most ecologically diverse deserts in the world!

Dramatic changes in the desert landscape in Central Arizona
• Farms and cities replacing open desert
• Interrupted wildlife corridors and habitat loss

Emerging trends in urban gardening that align with gardening for wildlife
• Use of native plants
• Sustainable landscape practices

Department of Arizona Game & Fish Heritage Fund Grant
• 3 year grant from 2013-2016 with required city match
• Interpretive signage, design & print habitat garden “how-to” booklet
Glendale Garden Gathering
Hotel Saguaro Puppet Shows

Hotel Saguaro
FREE PUPPET SHOW

Environmental Education Award Winner

Foothills Library
June 15th - 2pm to 3pm

Main Library
July 28th - 3pm to 4pm

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Sunny is a young saguaro and doesn’t know if he wants to be a cactus. His Grandpa teaches him how important the saguaro is to the desert.

Entertaining and informative post-show discussion included.

First-come, First-served
Recommended for K-3rd grade, families and tourists.
Not for preschool groups.

Sponsored by the Glendale Conservation and Sustainable Living Office through the Arizona Game and Fish Department and the Arizona Wildlife Conservation Fund.
Interpretive Signage – triangular kiosk

**Landscape practices plants & wildlife love**
- Avoid pesticides and herbicides. They harm wildlife and the environment.
- Go native. Local native plants attract wildlife and need less water and upkeep.
- Limit pruning. Over-pruning stresses plants. Wildlife love and depend on the habitat food, shelter, and nesting sites that plants provide.
- Watch wildlife interact with plants. Let your observations of nature guide your landscape practices.

**Create a backyard habitat**
- Choose native plants. Desert wildlife thrives on native plants.
- Grow plants naturally. Over-pruning limits food and shelter options.
- Provide nesting materials. Small nests and leaves produce good match.
- Create a water source. Wildlife needs water for drinking, bathing, and staying cool.

**Pollinators are a Gardener’s best friend**
- Birds, bees, bats, and butterflies are vital pollinators. Without these garden friends, we couldn’t enjoy flowers, fruits or vegetables. Pollinators are attracted to the flowers of native plants.
His for Habitat
A Home for Animals & Plants

• How many plants and animals can you find in the picture?
• Walk through the Habitat Garden and count how many plants and animals you can find!
• Learn more about the Sonoran Desert by checking out books at the Glendale Public Library!

Lizard
Butterfly
Woodpecker
Arroyo
Baja Fairy Duster
Prickly Pear
Desert Milkweed
Palo Verde
Hummingbird
Bee
Birds Nest
Ironwood Tree
Habitat Garden Booklet

- Practical habitat garden “how-to” guide for Sonoran Desert dwellers
- Defines a habitat
- Stresses importance of pollinators
- Encourages sustainable landscape practices
- Provides a variety of native plants that wildlife love
Sharing Your Story

4 EASY WAYS TO ATTRACT WILDLIFE TO YOUR YARD

September 1, 2015

The award-winning Glendale Xeriscape Demonstration Garden at the Glendale Glen Library, 5850 N. 59th Avenue, Glendale, Arizona 85302, has been a favorite place to visit for all ages. The garden is designed to attract wildlife, encouraging the growth of native plants. This guide will help you attract a variety of wildlife to your yard.

WATER

Water is essential for attracting wildlife. You can create a pond, a birdbath, or a fountain to provide water for wildlife. You can also plant native plants that require minimal water to grow.

PLANTS

Native plants are best for attracting wildlife. They provide food, shelter, and habitat for a variety of wildlife. You can plant a variety of native plants, such as flowers, grasses, and shrubs.

HABITAT

Creating a habitat in your yard will attract a variety of wildlife. You can create a butterfly garden, a bird habitat, or a wildlife garden. You can also create a wildlife-friendly garden by planting a variety of native plants.

If you build it (habitat), they (wildlife) will come.

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Glenendale Water Conservation & Xeriscape Garden
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If you build it, they will come! View the new free guide today.

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What's New at the Glendale Xeriscape Garden?

Happy 10th Anniversary of the Glendale Water Conservation Program!

Visit the Glendale Water Conservation & Xeriscape Garden for a chance to see some of the latest projects and ideas. The garden is open daily from sunrise to sunset. You can also visit the Glendale Water Conservation Program's website for more information.

Other articles in this section:

- "Water Wise It Works!"
- "Clean & Green"
- "Happy 10th Anniversary of the Glendale Water Conservation Program!"
- "What's New at the Glendale Xeriscape Garden?"
If you build it (a habitat garden), they (wildlife) will come...
What’s Next?
Glendale Desert Food Forest Demonstration

- Arizona Department of Forestry and Fire Management
- 1 year Community Challenge Grant with required city match
- Landscape renovation and interpretive signage
- Partnering with *Trees Matter* and *Maricopa County Master Gardeners* on edible programming and landscape design
What is a Food Forest?

Image from Washington’s Beacon Food Forest website [website]
Eat Your Yard!
The Desert Can Feed You.

Growing an edible food forest provides multiple benefits.

- Desert adapted plants don’t require fertilizer and require less water.
- Tree canopies provide shelter and cool shade.
- Enjoy the harvest and share your bounty with neighbors and wildlife.

Choose plants with different fruiting seasons to enjoy food year-round.

Avoid herbicides and pesticides to protect wildlife and the environment.

Plants of varying heights mimic a natural forest. Choose a variety of ground cover plants, shrubs, and trees.

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For more information, visit: www.glendaleaz.com/WaterConservation
Thank You!

Questions?

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