

CoNPS Certified Native Garden Application

Steps to Complete your CoNPS Native Plant Garden Application

1. Complete the application

2. Payment

Check: Send a check made out to CoNPS. Address: CoNPS Certified Native Garden, P.O. Box 200, Ft. Collins, CO, 80522

Credit: (Not Yet Available)

	Member	NonMember <i>*Cost includes 1 year membership</i>
First Certification with Sign	\$30.00	\$45.00

3. Photos

Please submit at least 3 photos with your application to best represent your garden. Photos are not expected to be “professional.” This is to give the committee a feel for your garden. If you submit great photos, we may ask if we can use them to promote the program! You can mail your photos via email or with your application:

conpsgarden@gmail.com

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4. Send the application, photos, and payment.

You may submit your application via email or postal mail:

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5. You will receive an email indicating what level you are awarded. Please allow 4 weeks for shipping and handling of sign.

6. Can you level up? Yes, if you are first awarded a Bronze or Silver certification, you can reapply for a higher level for \$5

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Dear Applicant,

Thank you for taking the time to complete this application and for participating in the CoNPS Native Garden Certification program. We are so happy to have you in our group! We would love to hear more from you at any time. If you have questions about the application or if you want to share success stories, pictures, or ask questions after you are awarded certification, please feel free to contact us. We may share it in the eNews, Facebook, or Aquilegia with your permission!

Please respond to the questions below with the requested information, and highlight or put an X to the left of the response that most closely represents your garden.

Applicant Information		
Applicant/Garden/Property Name		
Contact Name if different than above		
Location Address		
Mailing Address * Please make sure your mailing address is correct so we can mail your sign.		

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Phone Number		
Email Address		
Website (if applicable)		
Is the garden best described as? (circle one or mark an x in the column next to your answer)		Residential Garden (Home)
		Patio Garden (Apartment/Condo)
		Schoolyard Garden
		Public Park/ Open Space
		Farm/ Orchard
		Nature Center
		Other:
Is the garden part of a homeowners association?		Yes No
What is the size of the garden? (circle one or mark an x in the column that most closely matches)		<100 SF
		<500 SF
		<1000 SF
		<1/8 acre (5000 SF)
		1/2 acre
		1 acre

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		1+ acres
Is an onsite visit permitted?		Yes No
Are pictures permitted to be featured on Social Media, in the CoNPS eNewsletter, Aquilegia, and/or the CoNPS website?		Yes No
May CoNPS contact you in the future regarding the annual CoNPS garden tour?		Yes No
Are you interested in writing about this garden for CoNPS eNewsletter or Aquilegia?		Yes No

Please respond to the questions below by circling or highlighting the response that most closely represents your garden.

Garden Certification Questions			
What percentage of noxious plants do you have in your garden?* See Colorado Noxious Weeds: https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/agconservation/noxious-weed-species invasive plants?	20%	10%	Other:
*If you answered yes, you do have Colorado Noxious weeds in your garden, please describe plan for eradication.			

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How many Colorado native plants are in your garden? (best estimate)	<6	7-15	16+
How many Colorado native plant species are in your garden? (best estimate)	<4	5-9	10+
Do you have flowers blooming at all times from spring through fall?	N/A	Yes No	
Do you have at least two herbaceous (not woody in winter) Colorado native species from the pea family (Fabaceae) to support the development of large bees like bumble bees? Please name at least two:	N/A	Yes No	
Do you have at least two herbaceous (not woody in winter) species from the Aster family? Please name at least two:	N/A	Yes No	
Do you have at least one cool-season grass and at least one warm-season grass, such as <i>Koeleria macrantha</i> , and <i>Bouteloua gracilis</i> ? (host plants for skippers and habitat for insects) Please name at least one:	N/A	Yes No	
Do you have two species of long tubular flowers, like <i>Penstemon strictus</i> , <i>Monarda fistulosa</i> , or <i>Onosmodium molle</i> ? Non-native honey bees can drain	N/A	Yes No	Yes No

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<p>the nectar from most of the garden's flowers, leaving little for hummingbirds, bumble bees, and long-horned bees. Please name at least two:</p>			
<p>Do you have any exposed ground (not covered by mulch or plants) for ground-nesting bees, solitary wasps, or bee blocks for leafcutter bees, and solitary wasps? If yes, please submit a photo with application.</p>	N/A	Yes No	Yes No

Please tell us what Colorado native plants are in your garden (that you haven't already described above.)

Please tell us more about your garden, share your stories, your struggles, and your success (optional)!

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