

Application for Butterfly Habitat/Garden Certification

Certification by the Moths and Butterflies of NZ Trust of ideal habitats for New Zealand butterflies and/or moths.

As you answer the questions below you may find you are not quite meeting the certification requirements. There is some flexibility – see next page. Remember that the MBNZT is here to help or advise as you establish and maintain your butterfly-friendly habitat. We ask for a payment of \$60 towards the costs of certification. If your habitat meets the certification requirements you'll receive a colourful plaque suitable for outdoor display and a year's subscription to 'BUTTERFLIES' magazine as well as publicity for your space (so that you may spread the word and enthusiasm to others).



ORGANISATION

CONTACT GIVEN NAME

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HABITAT LOCATION

MAILING ADDRESS

Postcode:

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Email:

Category:

Private

Business

Organisation

1. Is the garden/space: Privately owned? Rented? Government-owned (e.g. reserve, school)

2. Do you have consent from the owner to have a butterfly-friendly habitat? Yes No

3. Landscape: Urban? Rural? Coastal?

4. Name three species of butterfly or moth encouraged at your site:

_____ Host plant _____

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Confirm (tick) that:

5. You have a range of suitable nectar plants to sustain adults throughout the breeding season

6. Your habitat provides shallow (puddling) water

7. Your habitat provides adequate shelter from wind and rain

8. Only natural means are used to discourage predators and parasites. (No chemical sprays)

9. The habitat has been established for at least three years? (Evidence needed: e.g. references, photos)

10. Optional – do you encourage interest and participation by visitors, signage (noticeboard, pamphlets, website or whatever) describing what species, and what host and nectar species were planted. (Note: The MBNZT can supply resources).

Are you happy for your garden to be featured in MBNZT's 'BUTTERFLIES' magazine and local media? Yes No

Signed: _____

Date: _____ (continued on reverse)

We'd like to know ...

What is the size of your butterfly-friendly habitat? (in square metres or hectares) _____

Roughly what percentage of the entire property is butterfly-friendly? _____

Do you use any of these sustainable garden practices? Tick any that apply

Riparian buffer recycled rain water from roof drip/soak hoses erosion prevention

xeriscape/waterwise landscaping mulch compost chemical fertilisers/pesticides

native species remove non-native plants reduced concrete and/or lawn area

Why does MBNZT encourage butterfly-friendly habitats?

- To encourage NZ individuals, businesses and organisations to create and sustain habitats for NZ Lepidoptera species.
- To create attractive spaces and/or interesting small habitat areas.
- To facilitate awareness, knowledge and respect for nature.
- To delight. It's what butterflies do!

Categories:

- Butterfly Friendly Garden – private gardens
- Butterfly Friendly Business - SMEs
- Butterfly Friendly Organisation – companies, corporates and organisations

As the size and scope of the above categories varies widely, the MBNZT will allow some flexibility in the certification requirements. Whether it be a landscaped private or public garden, or a business that has unused 'wild' corners and banks around its premises, habitats can be created and nurtured.

Applicants will be judged on what they are doing with what they have to do it with.

We discourage those who plant a garden and then apply for certification because it will look 'environmentally aware' on their website or social media. Planting for butterflies and/or moths needs research, ongoing commitment and perseverance. We encourage people to research what species are suitable for the climate and conditions of their site: high-country tussock dwellers won't do well at a sunny, coastal site!

The MBNZT retains the right to withdraw butterfly-friendly certification should previously approved sites fall below standard.

Gold Standard - A special certificate for applicants across all three categories that also:

- Become financial members of the MBNZT (BFG as individual; BFB and BFO as corporate members).
- Have at least one person who completes the MBNZT course
- Create or purchase a butterfly house and use it to protect caterpillars from predators
- Participate in the MBNZT tagging programme
- Media story – local or national or trade publication (print/TV/radio/YouTube)
- Report events (e.g. first eggs, caterpillars, chrysalises etc) in social media and include links to www.nzbutterflies.org.nz

