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Answers: FROGS eat insects (mosquitoes, flies), BUTTERFLIES drink nectar from flowers

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Answers: SQUIRRELS eat fruit and nuts, BLUE JAYS eat acorns, nuts, and seeds



ADDING NEW HABITAT TO YOUR YARD OR A LOCAL PARK

- What kind of wildlife you want to attract?
- Pick four or five species of wild animals found in your area.
- Find out what kinds of plants provide their favorite food and shelter.

Where do you want to start? Are you adding some plants around a tree or adding new flowers to the flower bed? If you don't have a backyard, you could make up a plan for your local park and send it to your local city council.

- Include a map of the area you want to add plants and features
- Include a list of native plants that would be a good addition. Use native plants and seeds. They're suited to local soil and weather conditions and often survive longer than non-native species.
- A local nature club, nursery, or gardening group can help you choose the best ones for your area and soil.



- Research which nurseries and garden centers carry the native plants you will need for your new habitat.
- Draw a site plan of your backyard habitat. What elements are you going to incorporate into your new habitats? Some ideas might be to create bird feeders, frog ponds, or small rock piles. Depending on what habitat you want to create.
- Expect to get your hands dirty. Working with wildlife is a messy but rewarding affair!
- Maintain and modify. Clean nesting boxes and feeders, Scrub and fill birdbaths, prune bushes, replace dead plants, and do other maintenance chores on a regular basis.