

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Person being interviewed \_\_\_\_\_



# BACKYARD BUDDY CHECKLIST

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- |   | Yes                                  | No                                   |
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| Do you maintain a water source for birds or other wildlife?   | <input type="checkbox"/> (10 points) | <input type="checkbox"/> (0 points)  |
| Do you maintain a food source for birds or other wildlife?  | <input type="checkbox"/> (10 points) | <input type="checkbox"/> (0 points)  |
| Do you provide a birdhouse or other habitat for wildlife?   | <input type="checkbox"/> (10 points) | <input type="checkbox"/> (0 points)  |
| Is a variety of plants available?<br><i>(If there is a variety of plants, pests and disease are less likely to invade the area.)</i>  | <input type="checkbox"/> (10 points) | <input type="checkbox"/> (0 points)  |
| Does your area include flowering plants?<br><i>(Flowering plants attract helpful and beautiful pollinators.)</i>  | <input type="checkbox"/> (10 points) | <input type="checkbox"/> (0 points)  |
| Can you distinguish harmful insects and other creatures from beneficial ones? <i>(Knowing the difference between those creatures that help us and those that cause damage keeps people from destroying the helpful ones!)</i>   | <input type="checkbox"/> (10 points) | <input type="checkbox"/> (0 points)  |
| Can you name two of each? Name them.<br>_____ Beneficial (2 points)      _____ Beneficial (2 points)<br>_____ Harmful (2 points)      _____ Harmful (2 points)  |                                      |                                      |
| Do you maintain a compost bin?<br><i>(A person who composts is recycling, and that's a good thing!)</i>   | <input type="checkbox"/> (10 points) | <input type="checkbox"/> (0 points)  |
| When do you water your plants or lawn?<br><input type="checkbox"/> early morning (10 points) <input type="checkbox"/> midday (0 points) <input type="checkbox"/> evening (5 points) <input type="checkbox"/> any time of day (0 points)<br><i>(It is best to water early in the morning so that little water is lost to evaporation.)</i>       |                                      |                                      |
| Do you keep your yard area clear of dead plants and litter?<br><i>(Dead and dying plants attract pests and diseases; litter is unattractive.)</i>   | <input type="checkbox"/> (10 points) | <input type="checkbox"/> (0 points)  |
| Do you apply pesticide?<br>When do you apply pesticide?<br><input type="checkbox"/> morning (points) <input type="checkbox"/> afternoon (5 points) <input type="checkbox"/> evening (5 points) <input type="checkbox"/> any time of day (0 points)<br><i>(Applying pesticide in the morning may harm helpful pollinators.)</i>                  | <input type="checkbox"/> (0 points)  | <input type="checkbox"/> (10 points) |
| Do you use mulch around your plants?<br><i>(Mulch helps soil keep its moisture, discourages weeds and keeps soil from becoming compacted.)</i>  | <input type="checkbox"/> (10 points) | <input type="checkbox"/> (0 points)  |
| Does your area contain any native plants?<br><i>(Native plants are those that typically grow in an area naturally. They need less water and care.)</i>  | <input type="checkbox"/> (10 points) | <input type="checkbox"/> (0 points)  |
| When you use chemicals, how carefully do you follow the label's directions?<br><input type="checkbox"/> Very carefully (10 points) <input type="checkbox"/> Use more chemical if it's a big problem (0 points)<br><i>(When people use a chemical contrary to what the label recommends, it could be dangerous and pollute the environment.)</i> |                                      |                                      |

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