The Native Habitat Garden
Providing homes for wildlife in our backyard not only benefits the animals, but also gives us hours of enjoyment. Butterflies, birds, and other creatures add beauty and excitement to our landscapes. A wildlife refuge can be created in any size yard with the appropriate plants and design. To create a wildlife habitat, we need to provide food, water, nesting sites, and protection from predators and the weather.

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Compost Demonstration Area
Composting is easy and requires little investment. These compost bins range from inexpensive homemade bins to purchased units. Smaller systems are suitable for kitchen scraps while larger units accommodate lawn and garden wastes.

Key
- sign
- Cold frame
- Water hydrant
- bench

Trees, Shrubs, and Vines
1. climbing roses
2. sweet cherry
3. white currants
4. choke tree
5. shadbush serviceberry
6. hawthorns
7. bottlebrush buckeye
8. common witch hazel
9. fothergilla
10. Indian currant coralberry
11. white hawthorn
12. mountain laurel
13. common winterberry
14. lowbush blueberry
15. dwarf fothergilla
16. red chokeberry
17. common sweetshrub
18. catawba rhododendron
19. Virginia creeper
20. tulip tree
21. Carolina silverbell
22. oakleaf hydrangea
23. inkberry
24. alternate-leaf dogwood
25. American holly
26. summersweet/sweet pepperbush
27. Virginia creeper
28. American cranberrybush viburnum
29. flowering crabapple
30. red osier dogwood
31. golden St. Johnswort
32. rat strip
33. Virginia sweetspire
34. river birch
35. American yellowwood
36. eastern redbud
37. sassafras
38. northern hollyhock
39. sourwood
40. trumpet honeysuckle
41. buttonbush
42. carpenetera
43. potenilla
44. butterfly bush
45. bourbon rose
46. What is this?
47. deutzia
48. doublefile viburnum
49. hydrangea
50. viburnum spp.
51. shannock holly
52. Japanese holly
53. peach
54. native oakleaf hydrangea
55. snowball viburnum
56. spirea
57. sour cherry
58. black gum/tupelo
59. rose
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History
The garden was established in 1992 as a cooperative, educational project of the PA Bureau of State Parks and the Cumberland County Master Gardeners. This outdoor classroom inspires and teaches about the benefits of gardening, while demonstrating environmentally sound techniques and designs that can be used in home landscapes.

Surrounded by a stone wall, the garden is located between the Cameron / Masland Mansion and the Education Building. The mansion was built in 1908 on top of South Mountain overlooking the Cumberland Valley. The original garden, created from wagonloads of soil brought up the mountain from miles away, provided supplemental food for the mansion’s first owners.

The Herb Garden
A wide variety of different herbs in four thematic beds surround a sundial in a traditional symmetrical layout. Visitors can see edible and medicinal herbs, as well as herbs used to dye cloth and provide fragrance.

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Learn how to attract wildlife to your home landscape. By creating a variety of homes for wildlife in your own backyards, we can help many species overcome the loss of habitat resulting from land development. Plants chosen for this garden are native to North America, mainly to the northeast. Native plants adapted to their local environment often require less water and are usually more disease resistant. These under-used plants can be beautiful additions to our yards and gardens.

The Shade Garden
If a garden lacks the necessary exposure to sunlight, it may be difficult to grow certain plants. This area features species that can tolerate more shade than others.

Compost Demonstration Area
This section of the garden features a variety of composting units showing how to convert organic wastes to compost. Composting provides gardeners with a rich organic soil conditioner that helps to reduce the amount of waste we contribute to landfills and incinerators.