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## NACD and Stewardship Week

The **National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD)** is the nonprofit organization that represents the nation's 3,000 conservation districts, 17,000 men and women who serve on their governing boards.

Conservation districts are local units of government established under state law to carry out natural resource management programs at the local level. Districts work with more than 2.5 million cooperating landowners and operators to help them manage and protect land and water resources on nearly 98 percent of the private lands in the United States.

NACD's mission is to serve conservation districts by providing national leadership and a unified voice for natural resource conservation. The association was founded on the philosophy that conservation decisions should be made at the local level with technical and funding assistance from federal, state and local governments and the private sector. As the national voice for all conservation districts, NACD supports voluntary, incentive-driven natural resource conservation programs that benefit all citizens.

NACD maintains relationships with organizations and government agencies; publishes information about districts; works with leaders in agriculture, conservation, environment, education, industry, religion and other fields; and provides services to its districts. NACD is financed primarily through the voluntary contributions of its member districts and state associations.

The association's philosophy is that conservation decisions should be made by local people with technical and funding assistance from federal, state and local governments and the private sector. The association's programs and activities aim to advance the resource conservation cause of local districts and the millions of cooperating landowners and land managers they serve.



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To find your local district contact information, go to  
[www.nacdnet.org/about/districts/directory/index.phtml](http://www.nacdnet.org/about/districts/directory/index.phtml)



### STEWARDSHIP WEEK INFORMATION

The National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) Stewardship Week is one of the largest conservation-related observances. The 3,000 conservation districts that make up NACD manage soil and water conservation programs in virtually every community in the United States. Since 1955, NACD has sponsored the national Stewardship Week program by selecting a theme and developing materials for schools, communities and churches of all denominations. 2010 marks the 55th year to celebrate NACD Stewardship Week.

**Stewardship Week, celebrated annually between the last Sunday in April and the first Sunday in May**, reminds us of our personal responsibility to care for the natural resources for which we all depend. The celebration and observance of Stewardship continue throughout the year - not for just one week. The concept of Stewardship involves personal and social responsibility. We have a duty to learn about and improve natural resources as we use them wisely.



## Habitat Stewardship



Conservation of our natural resources is important in every community. Citizens are looking for ways to be involved at their home, local schools or with community conservation projects. There are plenty of conservation habits that help conserve water, provide shelter for animals, birds and insects as well as increase their food supply. Habitats are all across North America and around the world; you can find them in forests, grasslands, deserts, wetlands, arctic tundra as well as right outside your backdoor and in your community. Healthy habitats can include native plants, water features such as ponds, wetlands and rain gardens. Planting native trees along stream banks to stabilize the soil, preventing soil erosion or planting native plants to attract pollinators make citizens good stewards of the land. Many communities have established compost programs for organic household and yard waste. Why not start a compost site at your home to provide mulch for your vegetable or flower gardens? By providing habitat areas you assist in providing food and shelter for animals, birds and insects.

Most of the flowering plants we need and enjoy are pollinated by insects. When these pollinating creatures start shrinking in number many plants either produce less seed or no seed at all. When pollinating creatures start disappearing, plants start disappearing. Pollinators aren't just annoying insects, they are an important part of the web of life that we all depend upon for our very survival. Over 80% of the world's flowering plants wouldn't survive if it weren't for pollinators. Providing habitat areas will help increase the pollinator population.

Through collaboration with service organizations, schools and others, new habitat areas can be developed or maintained. A variety of programs are available in your community such as: master naturalist, master gardener and others to assist citizens on how to best design and develop natural areas. Conservation districts also assist in these programs and have developed workshops and demonstration areas to showcase the importance of habitat areas. New developments for homes or commercial sites are installing rain gardens, pervious concrete and other conservation practices which then become a great conservation feature. Look around; there are opportunities everywhere. Each of us can be good stewards of our natural resources at our home and in our communities. When we think about protecting and managing our natural resources we can provide healthy habitats for the ecosystems on our planet. Each of us can make a difference by starting in our own backyard, our school or in our community.

“Conservation is a state of harmony between men and land”,  
Aldo Leopold, author Sand County Almanac.

Visit our website [nacdnet.org/education](http://nacdnet.org/education) to learn more about habitats and become a steward in your community.

# Habitat Stewardship Sermon Starter

## *Scripture References from the NIV*

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Today's message is a celebration of Conservation in the United States and will focus on Habitat Stewardship. Habitat is generally considered to be a natural environment where animal and plant species live. It is the physical environment where the organism lives and the area that surrounds it. In this message, we will consider God's concern for wildlife as our motivation to improve habitat. We will look at some of the issues that are contributing to a decrease in quality habitat, then we will consider some actions we can take as individuals on our own properties, in the community and in the Nation to help protect habitat. We will also consider spiritual action that can be taken by applying God's principle of contentment to our lives, recognizing that our own lust for more than what we need is a contributor to habitat destruction.

Habitat loss is the leading threat to endangered and extremely rare species in the United States. Animals need the proper environment to migrate, feed and reproduce. It is not only important for wildlife to have abundant habitat, but they also must have corridors of connected land in order to migrate. Fragmentation of land causes a loss of migration paths for wildlife, an increase in invasive and predator species, a loss of pollinators, and an increase in the amount of impervious surfaces such as roads and parking lots (which in turn increase the amount of pollution, flooding and wetland destruction.) Fragmentation is facilitated by urban sprawl, commercial development and large agricultural practices.

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*" God saw everything that he had made, and indeed it was very good. " Genesis 1:31*

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We may be led to believe that fragmentation is caused by an increase in the population of man, but it is often caused by poor planning based on lack of knowledge or perhaps a lack of concern for the natural environment. In 1999 a study of the Chicago suburbs found that while there was a 46% increase in land consumption during the previous decade, the population only increased by 4% (Beinfield et al 1999.)

Stewardship is defined as the careful and responsible management of something entrusted into one's care. Stewardship of habitat can take place for many good reasons. The Church needs to obtain an overall concept of not only how we can become involved in habitat stewardship, but why we should. We have a directive given from God to care for the earth that goes back to Genesis when Adam was put "into the garden of Eden to work it and take care of it," (Gen. 2:15), and is weaved throughout His revelation to man in the Holy Scriptures. After the flood God even made a covenant with all of His creation to never destroy it by flood again. Genesis 9 records that God made a covenant with Noah and "the birds, the livestock and all the wild animals, all those who came out of the ark ....every living creature on earth." The Apostle Paul instructed his young apprentice, Timothy, as he closed his first letter to him with these words in 1 Timothy 6:20: "Timothy, guard what has been entrusted to your care." We, too, need to guard what has been entrusted to our care.

God blessed man with provision through natural resources and expects us to use them responsibly, with thought for our neighbor, future generations, and animals. When man greedily rapes the land with no concern for wildlife and future generations the heart of God is grieved. As Christians, our primary objective in Habitat Stewardship is to honor God and to obey His directive.

Sustainable living means that we use just what we need without depleting or permanently damaging natural resources. Living sustainably requires wisdom. We can turn to God, the Creator, for guidance. He has chosen to reveal His will and wisdom to us through the Scriptures and He promises to sustain us with the outpouring of His Holy Spirit. We need to prayerfully study and contemplate the Scriptures as we seek to obey God in His directive to be Stewards of Habitat. As we do this, we learn to love what God loves and hate what He hates. God not only cares for the poor, the widow, the orphan, the alien, and the oppressed but also the animals. Exodus 23:10-11:

"For six years you are to sow your fields and harvest the crops, but during the seventh year let the land lie unplowed and unused. Then the poor among your people may get food from it, and the wild animals may eat what they leave."

We are most like our heavenly father when we take responsibility for his creation.

# Taking Responsibility

## Taking Responsibility in Your Backyard

You can start in your own backyard. Learn about the plant and animal species that are closest to you and take the time to enjoy them. This is a simple thing, but can be profound. When we take pleasure in nature, we will naturally want to protect it. Are there wetlands in your backyard? Wetlands provide food, shelter, nesting areas and escape cover for a variety of mammals, amphibians, reptiles and birds. Some species would cease to exist without wetlands, which are one of the most biologically fertile and diverse landscapes on Earth. You can protect wetlands by ensuring there is a buffer zone consisting of a variety of native vegetation abutting them. Don't encroach upon wetlands by expanding your backyard work and play areas into them. Something as small as a spring time puddle in your yard may be an intricate component to the ecosystem of your community – a vernal pool. A vernal pool is a type of wetland where amphibians can reproduce without the predators that are so prevalent in year round wet areas.

You can plant native bushes that provide berries for birds and other animals to feed from and for ornamental value on your property. Native plants need less watering, fertilizing and pesticides than non-native plants. Nearly half the plants and animals on the U.S. Endangered Species List are at risk because of invasive species. Invasive plant species, though often attractive to the eye, are non-native species that are characterized by aggressive growth patterns often out-competing native plants for space, light, nutrients and water. They can cause extinction of local plants and animals, lowering biological diversity and weakening the health of ecosystems.

Be careful about the type and amounts of chemicals you are using in and around your home. Use the least toxic alternative and the minimum amount possible, they often end up in the ecosystem

through waste water and can poison not only people, but wildlife as well. Recycle oil, plastics, metal, glass and paper. Use paper instead of plastics bags at the market if you forget your cloth re-usable bags at home. Plastic bags and six-pack can binders can entangle and strangle many wildlife species.

You may or may not have large acreage, but our nation is made up of about 70 percent private lands and collectively, it is the private landowner who can impact the quality of life in America for people and animals.

### **Taking Responsibility in Your Community**

You and your Church can also get involved in local community efforts. Planting riparian buffers along rivers, wetland and water bodies, litter clean up, and helping to educate others in the community can be powerful stewardship practices. Churches, schools and scouting groups can create outdoor classrooms where children learn to connect with and appreciate wildlife. You can support, *Conservation Planning* which is a method of community planning that takes into account the need for corridors for

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**“ Learn the lesson that,  
if you are to do the work  
of a prophet, what you  
need is not a scepter  
but a hoe. ”  
Bernard of Clairvaux**

wildlife, causes a decrease in impervious surfaces, improves human transportation issues and allows zoning changes so that humans and nature can live in a more harmonious environment.

When your church gets involved in supporting local community efforts, you will increase visibility and credibility and the witness of God’s love in the community through His people.

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### **Taking Responsibility in our Nation**

On a national level you can contribute through your power to vote on issues and bonds that protect natural resources. Our tax dollars help support not only public, national, state, and municipal parks, and wildlife refuges, but also many USDA programs such as, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service’s Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program and other USDA agency programs. Landowners can receive technical and financial assistance that will help them achieve their goals to provide wildlife habitat. Landowners can also sell or donate development rights assuring protection from development in the future.

# Taking Responsibility Continued

## Taking Responsibility Spiritually

If we apply one principle of God's Word beginning today, we can grow spiritually, decrease our stress levels, increase our joy, improve our relationships AND impact wildlife habitat. That one principle is the principle of contentment.

To be content is to be satisfied with what we have. It is our continual lust for more that causes us to rape the land and deplete it of resources for wildlife and future generations.

Jesus Himself is the greatest example of what it means to be content. For although He could have commanded a life of luxury and lived as a king, he chose to be an example to us of sharing, serving and simplistic, contented living. He had great joy in His life, but that joy was not based on the number of possessions he owned as we are sometimes trapped into believing we need.

In Matthew 8:20 Jesus states, "Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head." Following Jesus in His example of simplistic, sacrificial living will go a long way toward achieving stewardship goals in regard to habitat - and finances as well. Living more simply and with fewer possessions can help us achieve greater joy in our lives.

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**"The inward reality of simplicity involves a joyful unconcern for possessions."**  
**Richard J. Foster**

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What better time than in today's economic climate, to get a hold of this teaching. Joy is deeper than our possessions and our ability to consume.

The Apostle Paul states in Philippians 4:11b – 13 "I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do everything through him who gives me strength."

Paul said he LEARNED to be content. We, too, need to make the Bible our school teacher, the Spirit our helper, and enter the process of learning this kingdom principle. Paul was not a stoic, living a

life lacking of all pleasures. He had joy in his life regardless of his external circumstances, be they abundant or scarce. Paul was not motivated by the need to consume and gain possessions. He put his faith in God and accepted what came from his hand. He had peace.

Paul states in 1 Timothy 6:6 “But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. People who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many grief's.”

Just as Christians need to obey God in His call to stewardship, the world needs to know that caring for habitat stewardship without God at the center of our lives will help the environment, but in the end will not result in eternal redemption. Ultimately, the commission of the Church is to bring the message of salvation into the community. It is the gospel of Jesus Christ. The Good News! (Matthew 28:18-20)

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**“ But seek first his kingdom and righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. ”  
Matthew 6:33**

The following is a testimony of a Conservation Official who spent a lot of his time caring for habitat.

“For many years I have dedicated myself to a rare and endangered tree in my community. I have cared for it by physically removing pests, healing wounds – hoping to extend its life. I enjoyed this work very much and was actively working

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in my community to protect natural resources. But there was an emptiness and a void in my life. The gospel had been shared with me many times, my own son is a pastor. But I was resistant.

One spring as I began to tend to the tree, the Holy Spirit of God spoke directly into my heart and mind and said, ‘You go to great lengths to care for this tree, but you don’t lift a finger to save your own soul.’

## Taking Responsibility Continued

The impact of this experience with God was so great that the following Sunday, while attending church services with my wife. I committed my life Jesus and have been serving Him ever since. I still take care of that rare tree to this day. I still believe in the same stewardship practices and am active in my community doing so. But now I do them with a deeper conviction and my life has taken on new meaning. The emptiness and void has been filled with joy and contentment. I hope my work is now a testimony of God's love in my community."

This conservation official learned that by allowing God into his heart and letting Him deal with his inner man, he could gain peace and joy. His work has always helped the creation, but now it has meaning and value in the depth of his soul, and he will enjoy the rewards eternally. A.W. Tozer writes, "God's gifts in nature have their limitations. They are finite because they have been created, but the gift of eternal life in Christ Jesus is as limitless as God. The Christian man possesses God's own life and shares His infinitude with Him."

In closing, first and foremost today, ask yourself if you have the same peace this conservation official has. Are you serving the living God? If not, make this your first order of business. It is the most important decision you will ever make. You need to care for the habitat of your own soul. Secondly, take the time to walk among nature, to appreciate wildlife and take joy in the singing of a bird - the simple pleasures of life. Prayerfully consider God's directive to stewardship and take a step today - make a decision today - to care for the habitat of God's creatures. Start in your own backyard and work it into the fabric of who you are as a Christian, realizing that you are an Ambassador to your community, bringing Good News of great joy and eternal salvation, representing the One who created this spectacular planet with all of its beauty and diversity.

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  - ii. Are Wetlands in Your Backyard? [www.nricd.org](http://www.nricd.org)
  - iii. Wetland Invaders. [www.nricd.org](http://www.nricd.org)
  - iv. Backyard Conservation, It'll grow on you. USDA, NRCS, NACD & Wildlife Habitat Council [www.nacdnet.org/education/backyard/](http://www.nacdnet.org/education/backyard/)
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## Litany

*“God saw everything that he had made, and indeed it was very good.” Genesis 1:31*

Litany from Psalm 104  
Submitted by Gina DeMarco

**Leader: How many are your works, O LORD! In wisdom you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.**

*Congregation: May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in his works.*

**Leader: There is the sea, vast and spacious, teeming with creatures beyond number – living things both large and small.**

*Congregation: May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in his works.*

**Leader: You make springs pour water into the ravines; it flows between the mountains. They give water to all the beasts of the field; the wild donkeys quench their thirst.**

*Congregation: May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in his works.*

**Leader: The birds of the air nest by the waters; they sing among the branches. You water the mountains from your upper chambers; the earth is satisfied by the fruit of your work.**

*Congregation: May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in his works.*

**Leader: You make grass grow for the cattle, and plants for man to cultivate – bringing forth food from the earth: wine that gladdens the heart of man, oil to make his face shine, and bread that sustains his heart.**

*Congregation: May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in his works.*

**Leader: The lions roar for their prey and seek their food from God. The sun rises, and they steal away; they return and lie down in their dens.**

*Congregation: May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in his works.*

**Leader: How many are your works, O LORD! In wisdom you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.**

*All: I will sing to the LORD all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.*

“Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them singing, “To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!” Revelation 5:13

## Scripture References in Habitat Stewardship Sermon

**Genesis 2:15** “into the garden of Eden to work it and take care of it,”

**Genesis 9:10** records that God made a covenant with Noah and “the birds, the livestock and all the wild animals, all those who came out of the ark ....every living creature on earth.”

**1 Timothy 6:20:** “Timothy, guard what has been entrusted to your care.”

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**Matthew 28:18 – 20:** Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

### ***Sample of Other Useful Scripture References for Habitat Stewardship Sermons –***

**Genesis 1 – 3** (Creation)

**Exodus 23:10 – 13** (Sabbath rest)

**Leviticus 25:1 – 7, 20 – 21 & 26:3 – 7** (Sabbath rest)

**Ruth 2 & 3** (leave behind gleanings)

**Job 28:20 – 28, Chapters 38 & 39** (God’s wisdom)

**Psalms 61:4, 91:1 – 16** (God also provides refuge for man)

**Psalms 104** (God’s providence for wildlife)

**Matthew 6:19-34 & 13:31** (God takes care of creatures)

**Romans 1:20 & 8:18 – 27** (Creations used in evangelism & groaning for redemption)

### **Helpful Resource for Ministers**

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## Music Selections

### Indescribable by Chris Tomlin

From the highest of heights to the depths of the sea,  
Creation's revealing Your majesty.  
From the colors of fall to the fragrance of spring,  
Every creature unique in the song that it sings. All exclaiming...

(Chorus)

Indescribable, Uncontainable,  
You placed the stars in the sky and You know them by name.  
You are amazing God.  
All powerful, Untamable,  
Awestruck we fall to our knees and we humbly proclaim,  
You are amazing God.

Who has told every lightning bolt where it should go,  
Or seen heavenly storehouses laden with snow?  
Who imagined the sun and gives source to its light,  
Yet conceals it to give us the coolness of night?  
None can fathom...

(Chorus)

(Final chorus ends with:  
Incomparable, Unchangeable,  
You see the depths of my heart and You love me the same.  
You are amazing God.

## Music Selections Continued

### All Creatures Of Our God And King Hymn

All creatures of our God and King  
Lift up your voice and with us sing,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Thou burning sun with golden beam,  
Thou silver moon with softer gleam!

Refrain

O praise Him! O praise Him!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong  
Ye clouds that sail in Heaven along,  
O praise Him! Alleluia!  
Thou rising moon, in praise rejoice,  
Ye lights of evening, find a voice!

Refrain

Thou flowing water, pure and clear,  
Make music for thy Lord to hear,  
O praise Him! Alleluia!  
Thou fire so masterful and bright,  
That givest man both warmth and light.

Refrain

Dear mother earth, who day by day  
Unfoldest blessings on our way,  
O praise Him! Alleluia!  
The flowers and fruits that in thee grow,  
Let them His glory also show.

Refrain

And all ye men of tender heart,  
Forgiving others, take your part,  
O sing ye! Alleluia!  
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,  
Praise God and on Him cast your care!

Refrain

And thou most kind and gentle Death,

Waiting to hush our latest breath,  
O praise Him! Alleluia!  
Thou leadest home the child of God,  
And Christ our Lord the way hath trod.

Refrain

Let all things their Creator bless,  
And worship Him in humbleness,  
O praise Him! Alleluia!  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,  
And praise the Spirit, Three in One!

Refrain

### Take the World, but give me Jesus by Fanny Crosby

Take the world, but give me Jesus,  
All its joys are but a name;  
But His love abideth ever,  
Through eternal years the same.

*Refrain*

*Oh, the height and depth of mercy!  
Oh, the length and breadth of love!  
Oh, the fullness of redemption,  
Pledge of endless life above!*

*Take the world, but give me Jesus,  
Sweetest comfort of my soul;  
With my Saviour watching o'er me,  
I can sing though billows roll.*

*Refrain*

*Take the world, but give me Jesus,  
Let me view His constant smile;  
Then throughout my pilgrim journey  
Light will cheer me all the while.*

*Refrain*

*Take the world, but give me Jesus.  
In His cross my trust shall be,  
Till, with clearer, brighter vision,  
Face to face my Lord I see.*

## Music Selections Continued

### I Surrender All by Judson W. Van Deventer

All to Jesus, I surrender;  
All to Him I freely give;  
I will ever love and trust Him,  
In His presence daily live.

#### Refrain

I surrender all, I surrender all,  
All to Thee, my blessed Saviour ,  
I surrender all.

All to Jesus I surrender;  
Humbly at His feet I bow,  
Worldly pleasures all forsaken;  
Take me, Jesus, take me now.

#### Refrain

All to Jesus, I surrender;  
Make me, Saviour , wholly Thine;  
Let me feel the Holy Spirit,  
Truly know that Thou art mine.

#### Refrain

All to Jesus, I surrender;  
Lord, I give myself to Thee;  
Fill me with Thy love and power;  
Let Thy blessing fall on me.

#### Refrain

All to Jesus I surrender;  
Now I feel the sacred flame.

O the joy of full salvation!  
Glory, glory, to His Name!

#### Refrain

### How Great Thou Art by Gustave Bobberg, translated to English by Stuart K. Hine

O Lord my God, When I in awesome wonder,  
Consider all the worlds Thy Hands have made;  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art, How great Thou art.  
Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art, How great Thou art!

When through the woods, and forest glades I  
wander,  
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees.  
When I look down, from lofty mountain grandeur  
And see the brook, and feel the gentle breeze.

Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art, How great Thou art.  
Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,

How great Thou art, How great Thou art!

And when I think, that God, His Son not sparing;  
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;  
That on the Cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
He bled and died to take away my sin.

Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art, How great Thou art.  
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How great Thou art, How great Thou art!

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclama-  
tion,  
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.  
Then I shall bow, in humble adoration,  
And then proclaim: "My God, how great Thou  
art!"

Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art, How great Thou art.  
Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,  
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## Additional Resources

### Invite pollinators to your neighborhood:

Plant a pollinator friendly habitat  
in your garden

Pollinators are needed for the reproduction of 90 percent of flowering plants and one third of human food crops. Each of us depends on these industrious pollinators in a practical way to provide us with the wide range of foods we eat.

The Pollinator Partnership, has 24 Ecoregional Planting Guides available free of charge at

[www.pollinator.org/guides.htm](http://www.pollinator.org/guides.htm)

Download yours today to find native planting information tailored to your region.



### Printable Conservation Habits = Healthy Habitats

information page. 4 total pages

From NACD's winter resource newsletter

[www.nacdnet.org/news/publications/resource/](http://www.nacdnet.org/news/publications/resource/)



### Habitat Church PowerPoint available at

[http://nacdnet.org/stewardship/church\\_materials/](http://nacdnet.org/stewardship/church_materials/)

**Additional habitat resource materials available at:**

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### Outdoor Classroom Resources

**National Wildlife Federation: Certify Your Backyard, Community Habitats, School Habitats**

[www.nwf.org/gardenforwildlife/](http://www.nwf.org/gardenforwildlife/)

**Green Schools - Project Learning Tree**

[www.pltgreenschools.org/](http://www.pltgreenschools.org/)

**Outdoor Classrooms - Guidelines and Features**

[www.in.gov/dnr/nrec/files/  
OutdoorLabRevised0604.pdf](http://www.in.gov/dnr/nrec/files/OutdoorLabRevised0604.pdf)

**Blueprint for a Green School**

[www.ceeonline.org/greenGuide/  
greenGuide.aspx](http://www.ceeonline.org/greenGuide/greenGuide.aspx)

### Rain barrel - Rain Garden - Guidance

Visit the NACD Habitat page

[www.nacdnet.org/education/resources/habitat/](http://www.nacdnet.org/education/resources/habitat/)



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