

## Healthy Garden Test

Points	Yes	Sometimes	Never	
	3	2	1	The plants you have chosen for your garden is more than 20 varieties
	3	2	1	The plants you choose for your garden include plants specifically to feed the beneficial insects
	3	2	1	You have at least one water feature or water source in your garden
	3	2	1	Whenever you are working the soil in your garden you always find a handful of worms.
	3	2	1	Composting is part of your gardening routine
	3	2	1	Top dressing the garden each year with manures or compost is part of your garden management
	3	2	1	Ground beetles are commonly found when working the soil
	3	2	1	You allow a small population of aphids to exist on your plants to feed the beneficial insects
	3	2	1	You employ cultural or physical controls to manage pests
	3	2	1	Pesticides are only used as a last resort
	1	2	3	You rely on chemical fertilizers as your method of replenishing nutrients
	0	1	3	You believe all insects are gross and should be banished from the garden
	1	2	3	Every year you fight to have your garden look strong and healthy
	3	2	1	Birds are abundant in the garden
	3	2	0	Frogs come to visit frequently
	0	1	2	Weeds are not welcome anywhere in the landscape
	3	2	0	Bees are regular visitors to your landscape

3	1	0	At any time it is safe for kids to play on the lawn
3	1	0	You employ water conservation strategies
<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	Grass is not the only choice for ground cover

### Results

40-58 points - Fantastic! Your garden is a healthy, unique ecosystem that contributes back into the environment in a sustainable fashion.

30-40 Points - You are on the right road but need to take a few more steps to improve the quality of your garden. Check out our companions page for future plant additions.

Less than 30 points - You've got some work to do! Increase the plant diversity and supplement your garden with some biological controls to give your garden the boost it needs.