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**THE GOLF CLUB AT BALLANTYNE RECOGNIZED AS CERTIFIED
WILDLIFE HABITAT BY NATIONAL WILDLIFE FEDERATION**

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (April 23, 2014) –The Golf Club at Ballantyne has been designated as an official Certified Wildlife Habitat™ site by the National Wildlife Federation® (NWF). NWF celebrates the efforts of The Golf Club at Ballantyne to create a garden space that improves habitat for birds, butterflies, frogs and other wildlife by providing essential elements needed by all wildlife – natural food sources, clean water, cover and places to raise young. The Golf Club at Ballantyne is one of only a few courses in North Carolina to be NWF certified.

“Providing a home for wildlife in our communities – whether it’s at home, or in schools, businesses or parks – is the demonstration of a healthy and active eco-system. There is no more rewarding way to stay connected to nature right outside your door,” said David Mizejewski, naturalist with the National Wildlife Federation.

“We are committed to providing our guests with a pleasant golf experience while maintaining a healthy ecosystem for plant and animal life,” said Woody Allen, director of ancillary operations at The Ballantyne Hotel & Lodge, where The Golf Club at Ballantyne is located.

NWF’s Certified Wildlife Habitat program has been helping people take personal action on behalf of wildlife for more than 40 years. The program engages homeowners, businesses, schools, churches, parks and other institutions that want to make their communities wildlife friendly.

This new certified habitat joins NWF’s roll of more than 150,000 certified habitats nationwide. Wildlife habitats are important to year-round wildlife residents as well as species that migrate, such as some birds and butterflies. Each habitat is unique for both beauty and function.

For more information on how to certify a property, visit www.nwf.org/gardenforwildlife. National Wildlife Federation’s mission is to inspire Americans to protect wildlife for our children’s future.

About The Golf Club at Ballantyne

The Golf Club at Ballantyne, located at The Ballantyne Hotel & Lodge, is committed to providing the finest golf experience in the region. The Golf Club’s 18-hole, par 71 golf course is ideal for individual play and group golf tournaments and outings. With a full-service outing pavilion, clubhouse, golf shop, custom club fitting and practice area, The Golf Club at Ballantyne is dedicated to delivering the best in course facilities and personalized service. For more information, please visit www.golfballantyne.com or call 704-248-4383.

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