

# “Wildlife Habitat”

**Habitat --** \_\_\_\_\_

## **4 Elements of Habitat**

1. Cover –

2. Food –

3. Water –

4. Space –

**In addition to having these elements, they also must be in balance for wildlife to survive and thrive. This means the elements:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

**These three things will also determine the “carrying capacity” of a given area for a given species.**

**Carrying Capacity –**

- This may also change as the habitat changes.

**The amount and type of cover, food, water, and space in a particular area determines the area's "habitat suitability" for a given species.**

**Factors that affect Habitat Suitability**

**1. Forest and Plant Succession –**

**2. Vertical Structure –**

**3. Edge –**

**4. Interspersion –**

**5. Fragmentation –**

**6. Corridors –**

