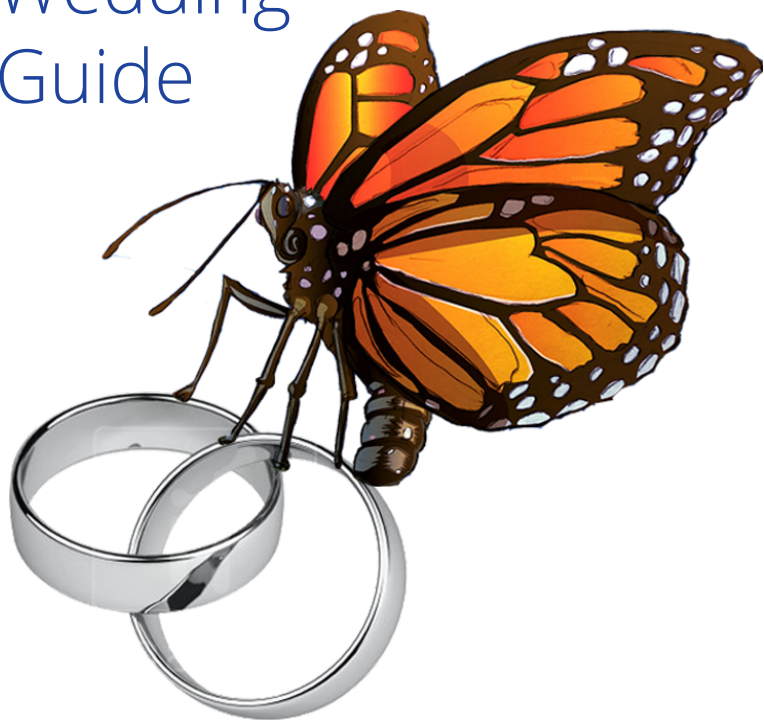


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Weddings are a multi-billion-dollar-a-year industry in the United States. With all of the associated costs — from travel and food to flowers and party favors — the “big day” often comes at a big expense to wildlife and the environment.

But it doesn't have to. Your celebration can be an opportunity to make sustainable choices and share your values with loved ones. Think of it as another way to incorporate your personality into your special day. Plus, many of these choices come with the added benefits of simplifying your plans and shrinking your wedding costs.

This guide lays out many of the ways you can make your wedding wildlife friendly.

Understandably, eloping, having a small wedding or no wedding at all would have very low to no impact, but those options don't work for everyone. If you do celebrate, this guide can help you do so sustainably.

And it's not intended to be an all-or-nothing checklist. Just because you can't make every single aspect of your wedding 100 percent sustainable doesn't mean you shouldn't make improvements where you can. Small changes add up, and wildlife can use all the help they can get.

Venue/Location

Keep it local.

Destination weddings may seem like an appealing alternative to a big wedding — once you're at your venue, the smaller guest list that most destination nuptials have means less food and fewer favors.

But the carbon cost of putting a group of your nearest and dearest on a plane to get to the wedding can be enormous. In fact, avoiding one roundtrip transatlantic flight a year can save 1.6 tons of carbon dioxide emissions per person.

"My fiancée and I live across the country from our families and most of our friends. Even though it would be easier for us to have the wedding where we currently live, we decided it would be better to have our wedding where most of our guests are and save them the travel."

Evan K., New Jersey

Include the Planet in Your Happily Ever After

The average destination wedding creates nearly **75 times the emissions** of the average in-town wedding.



One shuttle bus can **replace up to 15 cars** per trip between venues and produce less than one-third of the emissions.



Having the ceremony and reception at the same place **completely eliminates the emissions** from traveling between locations.



Follow the crowd.

Nowadays families are spread out all over the country and even the world. Pick a city where most of your guests are located or a central travel hub that's easy to get to for most of your guests to reduce the total amount of plane and car travel.

"We chose a venue near Chicago since, as an airline hub, it would be an easier destination for many of my friends overseas and a shorter commute for my fiancée's family in the Midwest."

Gordon S., Illinois

All-in-one.

Have both your ceremony and reception at the same location. It's less coordinating for you beforehand and you don't have to deal with transportation headaches on your big day. It also cuts the carbon costs of your guests driving from the ceremony to the reception.

Be cool and carpool.

Coordinate transportation if there's a central location a portion of guests are coming from, like a hotel. One shuttle bus has fewer carbon emissions than everyone travelling separately in cars and can act as a designated driver for the group afterward. Bonus points if you can use a shuttle service that has hybrid vehicles.

"My husband and I did our best to keep the environment in mind when we planned our wedding a decade ago. We rented a school bus for our guests to travel from their hotels to the wedding site."

Katie U., Maryland

Get outside.

There are so many options for having your wedding outdoors, such as state or national parks, gardens, beaches or a clearing in the forest. Often these locations are cheaper than the average venue, and sometimes only a small permit fee is required. Outdoor venues already have lighting taken care of and depending on your season and location, you may not have to worry about energy used for heating or cooling. The scenery can replace decorations.



*Photographed by
George Rosberg.*

Just make sure to follow the “leave no trace” rule and pack out anything you do bring in. And since Mother Nature can be a tad unpredictable, it’s not a bad idea to have a back-up plan for inclement weather. It may be as simple as renting a tent or seeing if there is a visitors’ center available to use if needed. Always make sure to check with whoever manages the area to find out if there are any restrictions or limitations.



*Photographed by
Justin Buettner.*



*Photographed by
Laura K Moore.*

“It was important to us when choosing a ceremony location that we could capture the beauty of the place we lived. Typical wedding venues weren’t the aesthetic we were looking for, plus we had a very small number of guests. Saguaro National Park provided a beautiful backdrop for the ceremony and we didn’t need to spend extra money to decorate!”

Maggie E., Arizona

Choose an established venue.

Almost any place can become a wedding venue if you're willing to work for it, but that work may include everything from providing generators and port-a-potties, depending on your location. The benefit of choosing a venue that already has dedicated services for weddings means you don't need to rent additional supplies like tables, chairs and linens. This eliminates the transportation costs and coordination needed for those rentals.

Established venues also know what the typical needs are for a wedding, like food prep space for catering, how to manage crowds for serving meals, and the appropriate amount of food and supplies needed for your guest count.

"We chose an established wedding venue for our ceremony and reception. In most cases, these places will have equipment and supplies that are reusable, such as tablecloths, napkins, dishes, glasses, silverware, etc. Instead of buying them for yourself and either throwing them away or letting them sit forever, these items will be washed and reused time and time again, eliminating a large amount of potential waste. Kegs instead of bottles and cans, worked well for waste-reduction too."

Andy A., Maryland

Support a good cause.

Choose a nonprofit owned venue like a historical site, nature center, museum or park whose rental fees go toward supporting their mission.

"We had our wedding outside at a local bird sanctuary. There was no fee to host the wedding there since we weren't using any of their facilities, but we gave them a donation to support their conservation efforts. They even let us borrow their center's reusable chairs for the ceremony."

Kelly M., Pennsylvania

"I chose to have my wedding at the [Los Angeles] River Center — a focal point for the renewal of the Los Angeles River. They have a garden that created a beautiful backdrop and reduced the number of floral arrangements or decorations purchased for the reception. I felt good supporting the River Center and celebrating in a space that is all about the revitalization of the river."



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Candice K., California

Keep it green.

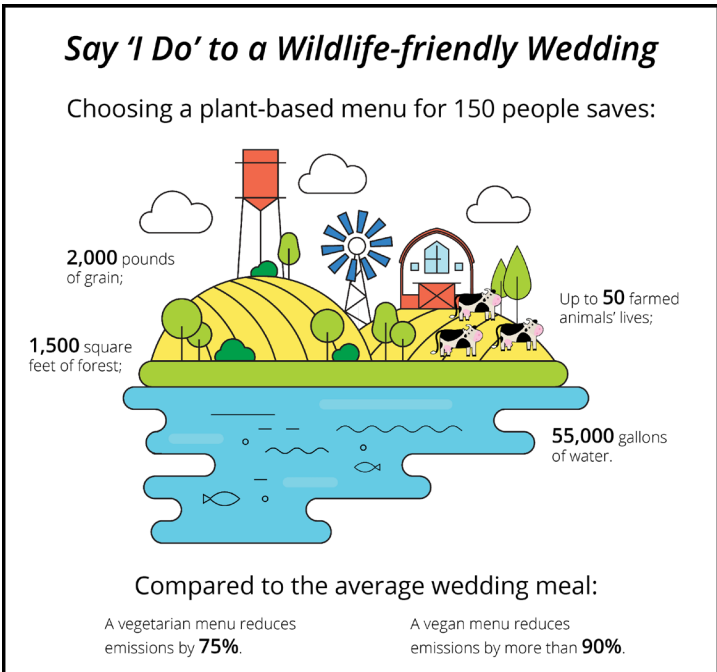
Look for venues that are LEED-certified, have strong sustainability policies, such as responsible waste management and use renewable energy.

Food

Plant powered.

Offer a plant-based menu for your reception. Vegan and vegetarian options are becoming increasingly common on catering menus, so your caterer may already have a lot of delicious ideas. Almost everything has a plant-based alternative these days. Your dream of a burger slider bar for dinner can be a meat-free reality, and your perfect buttercream-iced cake can be made without dairy or eggs.

A plant-based menu won't just be lighter on the planet — using far fewer resources than animal-based foods — but the lighter fare will help get your guests out on the dance floor rather than sitting at their tables with the meat sweats.



Less is more.

If a totally vegan or vegetarian menu isn't possible, offer meat in smaller amounts via appetizers or side dishes instead of in larger portions for a main dish.

Go local.

Ask your caterer to look into ingredients that can be locally-sourced to lessen the transportation impact. The same applies for beer, wine and liquor for a bar (if you're having one).

"All of my wedding vendors (including the band), the food, the flowers, and the decorations are local from Oregon sources and organic farms in the Hood River Valley and Columbia Gorge."

Meg T., Oregon

Opt for organic.

Organically raised food doesn't use synthetic chemicals for pesticides and fertilizers, so there's less soil and water contamination. Organic farms also help support local pollinator populations since they avoid pesticides that kill indiscriminately.

"Our wedding will be a vegetarian event, mostly vegan. The food, beer and flowers will all be organic."

Lori Ann B., Oregon

Buck the buffet.

Plated dinners have more control over portion size and often result in less food waste than buffet dinners.

Save room for dessert.

Consider cake alternatives that don't require guests to return to their table, since they're usually up and about dancing and socializing by the time cake's getting cut.



Photographed by Drew Bird.

Cupcakes and doughnuts are a great grab-and-go option for this. S'mores can be fun too, especially if you have a fire pit people can congregate around.

If you want to have a cake at your wedding, get one baked with organic and local ingredients. Vegan cakes are another delicious option.

Donate leftovers.

Ask your caterer/venue if you can donate leftover food to a local food bank or shelter to eliminate unnecessary food waste.



Dessert to-go.

Give takeaway boxes of cake as your wedding favor, instead of getting stuck with a bunch of leftovers you can't finish yourself.

Waste

Use the good china.

Use washable dishware rather than having disposable plates and utensils that will go to a landfill.



Photographed by Justin Buettner.

"I collected dishes from Goodwill [and other] second hand stores leading up to the day to cut down on trash. I bought a large silverware set from someone who had used it for their wedding. Then I gave it to our caterer to keep since she didn't have one. We passed the set of plates on to another couple getting married, and I think they've been used for a few other weddings since."

Damiana M., Oregon

Be plastic free.

Ask your caterer and bartender not to use any single-use plastics like straws, single-serve creamers for coffee, bottled water or plastic cups. Avoid plastic-wrapped party favors, too.



Recycle.

Check with your venue and make sure they have recycling receptacles for any aluminum or glass containers.



Photographed by Sarah Baillie.

Reuse.

If disposable plastic cups are unavoidable, leave out a couple permanent markers and a sign requesting guests to write their name on their cups so they can reuse them throughout the reception.



Photographed by Sarah Baillie.

Waste Before the Big Day

Your wedding's more than just the big day. Remember to apply the tips in this guide to all of your celebrations. Consider skipping favors, requesting unwrapped gifts (if you ask for traditional gifts), and serving an Earth-friendly menu at your engagement party, shower, bachelor/bachelorette parties and rehearsal dinner.

Invitations/paper product alternatives

Go paperless.

Email your save-the-dates and invitations. It saves trees, and people are less likely to lose them. Many couples use wedding websites, which include easy, online RSVPs that avoid the challenge of people who forget to mail back their RSVP card.

Reduce and recycle.

If you have wedding guests who aren't internet savvy and you still want to send snail mail invites, use recycled paper products and only include the essential information, everything else can go on a wedding website.

Give a green thumb.

There are companies that print your invitation on paper that contains seeds, so instead of tossing the invitation in the trash, guests can plant it and enjoy the flowers that grow. Just make sure the seeds are for native species of plants.

Biodegradable place cards.

If you're assigning tables or seats, place cards are hard to avoid (and they can be useful to indicate to servers

what meal guests have selected). Get creative and use biodegradable materials like leaves with names written on them in place of having cards printed.



Photographed by Clem Onojeghuo.

Signage.

Use signs instead of individual paper programs and menus that just get left behind. There are many ways to do this creatively with chalkboards, repurposed window panes and other reusable materials.



Photographed by Arkadiusz Ziomek.

"We decided to have 'Endangered Species Tables' instead of numbers. Each table had a description of each species and why they are endangered. My sister did the sketches, and we received several positive comments about the idea."

Justin L., Michigan

Decorations

Ditch the decor.

Botanical gardens, parks, museums and even historical buildings provide a beautiful backdrop and decorations without any additional work or materials from you.



Photographed by Sarah Baillie

Rent or buy used.

If you still need some extra pizzazz, rent decorations or buy them used. This cuts down on costs and packaging from new items.

"We got a lot of our decorations, including vases and lace tablecloths, from secondhand and vintage stores. When the celebrations were over, we donated items we decided not to keep."

Richard H., Arizona

"All of my decor was borrowed, thrifted, salvaged or from antique shops. Signage was made from old fence boards. I think it's really easy to minimize the impact by being thrifty and looking for things you already have or can borrow instead of buying tons of mass produced decor."

Brynn B., New Jersey

"We saved empty glass jars for months, and put tea lights inside them. [They] looked great, and the only new resources used were a bag of 100 tea lights. The jars were recycled afterwards."

Clare L., California



Photographed by Liz Warnek

"We chose a beautiful tree to have the ceremony underneath and made that the focus of the decorations. The only other decorations that we used were made from materials we or friends and family already had, including mason jars, rebar and twine. We purchased and organized the flowers ourselves and then reused the same bouquets from the ceremony for the dinner table at the reception."

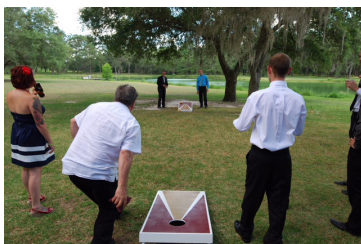
Kelly M., Pennsylvania

Multi-task.

Find ways to have your decorations do double duty for you: Make place cards that function as favors, use glasses guests can reuse throughout the evening and then take home, or stick to décor you will use in your home after your wedding.

"I'm very conscious of my landfill contribution, and seeing how many other brides are selling their decorations afterward makes the idea of buying anything new (with more packaging) feel so excessive. If we do have to buy anything new, we are investing in pieces we can use after the wedding."

Megan K., Delaware



"My father-in-law built the corn hole game for our reception from spare wood he had in his shed. He even sewed the beanbags full of dried corn himself. We still have it, six years later, and bring it out all the time."

Sarah K., Florida

Wedding Outfits

Something old.

Buy a previously loved vintage dress. New wedding dresses require the use of raw materials only to be worn for one day. Vintage dresses can be cheaper, unique and often still look new since they've usually only been worn once.



Photographed by Sarah Baillie.

"I bought my dress from a bridal shop that sells donated used dresses. My dress didn't require new materials to be made and the proceeds go towards combating sexual abuse and exploitation in my community."

Sarah B., Arizona

Something borrowed.

Unless you're planning to save your dress for someone you know who wants to wear it, it's really just taking up space. Wedding dress rental is cheaper and also means no new raw materials. Rental has long been the norm for suits, so why not dresses?

Pick sustainable materials.

If you are having a wedding dress or suit custom-made, choose natural fibers like organic cotton or organic silk and avoid polyester.

"My dress was handmade by a local dressmaker using unbleached raw silk and lace (not local, but as close as can be)."

Meg T., Oregon

Choose a style you can wear again.

You probably don't have many occasions for a ballroom gown, but if you go with a simpler design or one made of material that can be dyed, you'll get multiple uses out of it. For suits, if you're not renting, go with a style that's versatile for other events. A suit comes in handy for work meetings and special occasions more often than a tux does.

Donate or sell.

Once the party's over, donating or selling your wedding dress or suit will help a future bride or groom make an eco-conscious choice for their wedding. It can help out a couple who may not have a lot to spend on clothes get their dream wedding.

Let the bridal party dress themselves.

If you give bridesmaids and groomsmen a color scheme, instead of a single outfit option, they might be able to use something they already have or borrow something without needing to buy anything new.



Photographed by Eric Ward.

And if they do have to buy new, it's more likely to be something they'll wear again. Giving your bridal party flexibility uses fewer resources and costs them less. It also makes for happier friends and better pictures, as they're likely to be more comfortable at your event.

"I let my bridesmaids pick their own dresses (I just picked a color), and no one needed to purchase one for the wedding, they just used what they already had or borrowed."

Angela R., Washington

Rings

Vintage.

Same deal as the dress: To save on raw materials, go antique or vintage if you can. Vintage rings come in many unique styles, so you can really find something one-of-a-kind that reflects your personality.



Photographed by Claire Seizovic.

Ethical and sustainable.

Work with a jeweler who sources their materials in an ethically and sustainably-conscious way. This means purchasing from suppliers whose mines maintain safe worker conditions and minimize environmental degradation.



MAN-MADE DIAMONDS INVOLVE **80%**
FEWER EMISSIONS THAN MINED DIAMONDS.

Recycle.

Seek out designers who use recycled material to create their jewelry. Some jewelers may even let you supply the material. Maybe you or your relatives have some jewelry that is outdated or they just don't wear anymore. Ask your jeweler if the stones and/or metals can be repurposed for your ring, and you'll have a family heirloom with your own twist.

"My husband's ring was made with recycled gold from a piece of family jewelry no one was using, and I bought mine made with recycled gold from Etsy."

Valerie L., California

Get inked.

Pass on traditional rings all together, and get tattoos instead. You'll never have to worry about losing them, they're probably cheaper than traditional rings and you get to design them yourself.



Photographed by Justin Buettner.

"We used no conflict diamonds or mined metals for our rings, instead getting tattooed rings with vegan ink representing the red string of fate soulmate mythology."

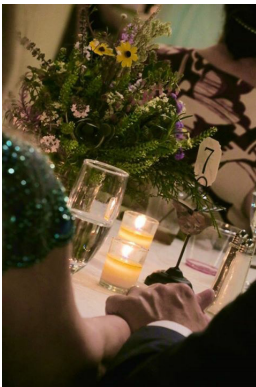
April M.S., California

Flowers

Follow your food's example.

Check out nurseries and Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) in your area for native, local, in-season and organic flowers.

Organically grown flowers won't have any nasty pesticides and help support pollinator populations. Flowers that are native and in season are adapted to the local climate, so they require less water and other resources to grow. Using local flowers also means cutting down on the carbon cost of transportation.



Photographed by Ellen Pautler.

"My husband and I had native wildflowers at our wedding, courtesy of a native plant nursery down the road. The bouquets were seasonal, based on what flowers were growing that time of year, and it helped support a local business that keeps acres of native wildflowers and shrubs that wildlife and pollinators get to use throughout the year. It also introduced people to the idea that "weeds" can be beautiful, and I hope inspired them to consider native plant landscaping."

Elise B., Florida

Roses for rent?

There are several services that (depending on your location) can help you cut costs by renting you real or silk flower arrangements. Real flower rentals coordinate with other nearby weddings couples that have the same flower preferences.

Bouquet alternatives.

There are a lot of options to choose from instead of fresh cut flowers. Instead, get crafty with silk flowers (no worries about wilting), lanterns or potted plants that can be taken home and planted later.



"Instead of a flower bouquet, I made a brooch bouquet from flower brooches collected from thrift stores. It was a lot of fun to make and I can keep it forever since they aren't real flowers."

Kelly M., Pennsylvania

Photographed by Liz Warnek.

Spread the love.

Donate your flowers to a hospital or nursing home after your wedding so they can continue to be enjoyed.

Favors

Donate.

In lieu of favors that people might leave behind, donate in your guests' honor to your favorite charity. Make sure to put up a sign acknowledging this donation and to tell guests more about the great work this charity does and why it's important to you.

Minimize waste.

Edible favors, homemade bird feeders or seed bombs for your guests to plant later make great gifts without the waste.

"Our favors will be milkweed seeds for our guests to plant in the fall for next year's monarchs."

Megan K., Delaware

Help guests go green.

Send guests away with a favor that will help them make green choices long after your wedding. Reusable water bottles and tote bags may help them create good habits.



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Photo booth.

Pictures are a great low-impact way for guests to remember your wedding. Some photographers even email or text the pictures, making them easier to share on social media and reducing unnecessary printing.

Registry

Less stuff.

Ask for experiences instead of things. There are all kinds of platforms where guests can gift a dinner date or a cool activity for you to do on your honeymoon. If you do ask for physical gifts, make sure they are things you really will use. You don't really need that fondue set, right?

Here are some resources to send your guests to for a more wildlife-friendly registry:

- * SoKind registry (www.sokindregistry.org) is a registry and wishlist service that encourages the giving of homemade gifts, charitable donations, secondhand goods, experiences, time, day-of-event help and more.
- * HoneyFund (www.honeyfund.com) allows you to register for honeymoon necessities like meals, activities, even something as basic as a car rental.
- * The Good Beginning registry (www.thegoodbeginning.com) is an online registry for donating to charitable causes throughout the world.
- * The Knot Gifts Back (www.theknot.com/registry/charity) donates up to 3 percent to the charity of your choice for each qualified gift purchased off your registry on The Knot at no extra cost to you or your guests.

Donations.

Encourage guests to donate directly to the causes you care about most by providing a list of charities you support or starting a fundraiser for your favorite organization. Depending on the organization and the timing, the organization may be able to help facilitate online gifts by setting up a dedicated landing page.

"As the proud parents of a rescue pit bull (who also happened to be our ring-bearer) and as people who already had more stuff than we knew what to do with, my fiancée and I wanted to offer our wedding guests an option to make a donation to a cause that mattered to us in lieu of going out and buying us a gift. We chose Smiling Dog Pit Bull Rescue because our pit bull, Kaya, brought so much love and enjoyment into our lives that we wanted to support a group that helps people make that same type of connection and give loving homes to great dogs."



Photographed by Paul Ingram.

Clayton N., Arizona

Unwrapped.

If you do choose to register for items that you truly need, request that guests give you unwrapped gifts to cut down on unnecessary paper waste.

Honeymoon

Exotic doesn't mean you have to go far.

You don't have to travel to some far-flung, remote island to celebrate newlywed life. Remember it's about you and your partner, not the place.



Photographed by Sarah Baillie.

Where the wild things are.

Chances are if you're this far in our wildlife-friendly wedding guide, you're a fan of wildlife. Consider a trip to a national park to see some of our native species in their natural splendor.



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Ethical ecotourism.

If you are looking into any kind of ecotourism activity, do your research and make sure it's responsible. This means putting animal safety and welfare ahead of guest experience, with limits on how close you can get and limiting the amount of people on tours each day.

Stay small.

Find small-scale hotels in the local community you're staying in. Their impact is usually less than the larger chain hotels.

Travel light.

If you're planning on renting a car, see what your alternative options are as far as hybrid or electric vehicles. Even better, use bikes and public transportation to get around and to see more of the area.



Photographed by Sarah Baillie.

Be sun safe and sea safe.

Check the ingredients on your sunscreen and opt for types with natural barriers rather than chemical ones. Oxybenzone and octinoxate are toxic to corals and cause them to bleach and die. We've already lost half of our coral reefs due to climate change, and the added stress of chemical contamination deepens the crisis.

Safe sex saves wildlife.

No matter where you go, honeymoons are notorious for one particular activity. Make sure the right contraceptive for you and your partner is at the top of both of your packing lists, so you don't add to your family before you're ready. Almost half of all pregnancies in the United States are unplanned, and the demands of our growing human population mean less resources and space for wildlife.

Miscellaneous

Sustainable sendoff.

Confetti makes for a cool photo op, but it needs to get cleaned up so it's not consumed by wildlife. Releasing balloons and lanterns can also have disastrous consequences for wildlife because there's no way to control where they land to retrieve them.

If you decide on a sendoff, go with a litter-free version, like having guests wave ribbon wands or blow bubbles. Birdseed is a much better alternative to rice, which isn't safe for birds (but check with your venue first before throwing anything). Even better? Have guests toss something biodegradable like flower petals or fallen leaves.

"Instead of having some sort of confetti, we reused old ribbon we had laying around to make ribbon wands for each of the guests to wave at the end of the ceremony."

Kelly M., Pennsylvania

Pets.

It's become more and more popular for couples to include their pets in their wedding day. If you do, be sure to keep your pet on a leash so they don't run off and disturb local wildlife, and always pick up after them.



Photographed by George Rosberg

Educate.

If you're having your wedding at a nature center or some other venue that has education interpreters on staff, see if they are available for your event so your guests can learn more about wildlife.

"The wildlife refuge we had our wedding at was incredible. They brought out their resident education owls and other birds for our guests while they waited, and they provided us with a beautiful, natural space."

Sarah H., New Jersey



Photographed by Deborah Huber.



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Play tour guide.

On your wedding website, include a map of places you recommend your out-of-town guests check out so that they can plan the most convenient place to stay. Then share information about the best ways to get around your city with public transit, bike shares, etc. This allows you to highlight your favorite natural sightseeing destinations while helping your guests reduce their travel footprint.

Share some fun facts.

Let your guests know about the wildlife-friendly choices you've made and what their impact is. This could be a shout-out on your menu sign about where your food came from. Include a sign on the buffet line about how much water and forest was saved by selecting a vegetarian menu.

"We are planning to have little signs with information about the local farms placed on the buffet tables so people know that their food came from the area."

Meg T., Oregon

Volunteer.

Instead of the traditional night out for bachelor(ette) parties, volunteer to do habitat restoration, a park clean up, or help out at a wildlife rehabilitation center with your friends. It may sound blah, but it can be surprisingly fun and refreshing.

Endangered Species Condoms

We've all probably heard the old childhood rhyme: "First comes love. Then comes marriage. Then comes baby in the baby carriage..." Some couples can't even make it through their wedding before eager family members and aspirational potential grandparents are asking when they should be expecting the pitter patter of little feet.

Our biggest environmental issues, like climate change and habitat loss, can be traced back to our growing human population. In fact, having a child multiplies your carbon legacy five times over because they grow up to need resources too and likely have children of their own. Maybe you and your partner want kids right away; maybe you want to wait awhile or don't want kids at all. It's your choice, but the important thing is that you and your partner talk about if and when you want to have children.

Many people don't have access to family planning resources and education to make informed decisions about contraception and their reproductive futures. It's key that every pregnancy is planned for the health of families and to make sure we leave room for wildlife.

Here's where our (vegan, fair trade) Endangered Species Condoms come in. Their colorful, eye-catching packaging is a great way to introduce your guests to the fact that our growing human population — and the overconsumption that goes along with it — is hurting wildlife and how family planning can help save endangered species. Each package contains two condoms, facts about unsustainable human

population growth and its link to the extinction crisis; and solutions to the population problem, including universal access to contraception and reproductive healthcare and education and empowerment for women and girls.



Photographed by Sarah Baillie.

We even thought of some ways they can be an educational and cheeky addition to your wedding as:

- * **Placecards.** You can put nametags on one side and use them as placecards.
- * **Table assignments.** Instead of having numbered tables, have the tables named for the different species on the packages.
- * **Favors.** Guests can take the condoms home with them (if they choose) and you're providing them with a safe way to get wild later on.

And that item that we mentioned should be at the top of your honeymoon packing list? Don't forget to save some Endangered Species Condoms to toss in your suitcase, and you'll be good to go!

Congratulations, and good luck planning your wildlife-friendly wedding!

If you'd like Endangered Species Condoms for any of your wedding-related festivities, please email condoms@biologicaldiversity.org.

We would love to see how you included the planet in your happily-ever-after. Share your wildlife-friendly wedding pictures with us by emailing condoms@biologicaldiversity.org or tagging them [#WildlifeFriendlyWedding](https://www.instagram.com/WildlifeFriendlyWedding) on social media.

When you're done with this guide, please pass it on to a friend to save resources. You can also access the online version at www.WildlifeFriendlyWedding.com.