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BRUSH PILE?  
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When we think of brush piles, we typically think of forest debris that we are preparing for chipping, burning, or otherwise clearing off our property. But did you know these piles can also provide valuable habitat for wildlife when simply left alone? Depending on their location, these brush piles (think of them as “habitat piles”) provide foraging, shelter, and nesting areas inside the pile for birds and mammals, and perching and foraging areas for birds around the outside. Even if your property has plenty of natural cover, a well-placed habitat pile can attract more wildlife.

By leaving some of your brush piles undisturbed—and adding more branches/ prunings over time as the pile decays—you’ll save yourself a lot of time and increase your wildlife-viewing opportunities to boot.

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**For more information or ideas on how to construct a habitat pile, contact your Stewardship Team at 360-317-1180.**

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