

How to Apply:

We invite you, the woodland owner, to apply for 1 of the 25 spaces available for the annual Coverts Workshop.

Print out an application from the Wisconsin Coverts Project website and send it to the address below.

or

To request an application for the Coverts Program, complete the form below and mail it to:

The Wisconsin Coverts Project
UW - Madison
Dept. of Forest and Wildlife Ecology
211 Russell Labs
1630 Linden Drive
Madison, WI 53706

Applications are due June 15th

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

County(ies) land ownership: _____

The Wisconsin Coverts Project

A Woodland Wildlife Management Program for Private Landowners



2008 Coverts Workshop
August 14th - 17th
Woodruff, WI

Covert: A 14th century English word describing a dense thicket that provides shelter for wildlife.

Sponsored by:

- The Ruffed Grouse Society
- Louisiana-Pacific Corporation
- University of Wisconsin - Extension
- UW-Madison, Department of Forest and Wildlife Ecology
- Michigan Technological University (National Science Foundation grant)

The Coverts Workshop:



3 days of indoor sessions and outdoor experiences

for landowners who want to enhance their woodlands for wildlife



Using sound ecological principles, this 3-day workshop focuses on actions you can take to enhance your land's wildlife abundance and diversity.

- We'll get you on the land to show you how management can make a difference.
- You'll learn how you can improve wildlife habitat and benefit financially from your land.
- We'll give you a binder stuffed full of literature and other resources to manage your woodlands.
- You'll find out who to contact for your woodland wildlife needs: private, state, and university forestry and wildlife specialists.

A Cooperative Program:

In exchange for the free, 3-day workshop and materials, participants agree to become **COVERTS COOPERATORS**, sharing what they have learned with their communities.

Cooperators agree to...

- develop a sound wildlife management plan for their land.
- reach out and motivate other woodland owners in their community, and be available to answer questions.
- maintain, for at least 1 year, an up-to-date set of reference materials (provided by the Coverts Project).



You CAN make a difference in your land's wildlife abundance and diversity

And it's one of the most rewarding time investments you can make



Comments from Wisconsin landowners:

Since 1994, 345 landowners have become COVERTS COOPERATORS. Collectively they have influenced the management on over 500,000 acres of land.

"A great experience - I wish I had had the benefit 20 years ago."



"Thanks for a job well done! I was very pleased with the program. I didn't think there were so

many people who share my enjoyment in woodland management. Now I realize that we are a powerful group."

"This is an excellent outreach program. Private woodland owners must be involved and this program can provide the means."



When is The Wisconsin Coverts Project Workshop?

Held annually on a weekend in August from Thursday (starting at 4pm) through Sunday (ending at 12:00pm).

What does it cost?

Costs, including lodging and meals, are paid for by a grant from the Ruffed Grouse Society, a non-profit organization dedicated to woodland wildlife conservation.



Who can attend?

Any woodland owner or person responsible for managing a parcel of wooded land in Wisconsin is eligible to apply. There is no minimum acreage requirement; we are most interested in persons with outreach potential/influence in their community.

We are looking for people who...

- can find time in their busy schedules for the workshop and some outreach activities in their communities.
- would like their woodlands to be healthy and productive.
- care about Wisconsin's woodlands and the wildlife that live within them.

Where is the Wisconsin Coverts Project Workshop held?

The program has been held at various locations in the past, but most recent workshops have been held at the University of Wisconsin's Kemp Natural Resources Station in Woodruff, WI.



Located in Oneida County, Kemp's 135 acres support some of the last old-growth forests

in the Lake states. The station provides opportunities for natural resources research, instruction and outreach amidst the lakes and forests of northern WI.

The boathouse serves as the indoor classroom with state-of-the-art equipment.



Attendees stay in a lodge overlooking Lake Tomahawk.



Additional Information

Wisconsin Coverts Project Website

<http://wildlife.wisc.edu/extension/wicovertsproject.html>

Contains additional information on the Coverts Project and comments from past Coverts Cooperators, as well as a printable application form, brochure, and past workshop agenda.

The Ruffed Grouse Society

<http://www.ruffedgrousesociety.org>



University of Wisconsin-Madison Wildlife Ecology Program

<http://wildlife.wisc.edu>

Kemp Natural Resources Station

<http://www.kemp.wisc.edu>

If you would like to talk to someone about the Wisconsin Coverts Project, contact:

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Wisconsin Coverts Project Coordinator

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