

How to Apply:

We invite you, the woodland owner, to apply for one of the twenty-five spaces available for the annual Coverts Workshop.

Complete an application, available on the Wisconsin Coverts Project website, and mail or email it to the address below.

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Applications are due June 15th



Promoting Woodland Wildlife Stewardship

A Woodland Wildlife Management Program for Private Landowners

WI Coverts Project Workshop:
August 6-9, 2026
Woodruff, WI

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

Sponsored by:

- University of Wisconsin – Madison Division of Extension
- Department of Forest & Wildlife Ecology at UW – Madison
- The Ruffed Grouse Society/ American Woodcock Society
- Wisconsin Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI[®]) Implementation Committee
- Renewable Resources Extension Act
- Braun Woodlands

The Coverts Workshop:



Three days of indoor sessions and outdoor experiences for landowners who want to enhance their woodlands for wildlife.



Using sound ecological principles, the Coverts Project focuses on actions you can take to enhance the abundance and diversity of wildlife using your land.

- 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 connect you to a variety of forestry and wildlife resources.

A Cooperative Program:

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



Cooperators agree to...

- develop a written wildlife management plan for their land.
- reach out and motivate other woodland owners in their communities.
- share information and resources provided by the Wisconsin Coverts Project.



Wisconsin Coverts Project Impact:

Since 1994, 912 landowners have become COVERTS COOPERATORS. Collectively, they have influenced the management of more than a million acres in WI and neighboring states.



Comments from Wisconsin landowners:

“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 shared 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 over an extended weekend in August, from Thursday afternoon through noon on Sunday.

What does it cost?

Nothing, it's free. Lodging, meals, and materials are covered by workshop sponsors.

Who can attend?

Any woodland owner or person responsible for managing a parcel of wooded land in Wisconsin or the Midwest region may apply. There is no minimum acreage requirement; however, we are most interested in people with outreach potential/influence in their community.



We are looking for people who...

- can find time in their busy schedules to participate in the workshop and conduct 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 is held at the University of Wisconsin – Madison’s Kemp Natural Resources Station in Woodruff, WI.



Located in Oneida County, Kemp's 135 acres

support some of the last remaining old-growth forests in the Lake state.



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



Coverts attendees stay in a rustic lodge overlooking beautiful Lake Tomahawk.

Additional Information:

Wisconsin Coverts Project Website
<http://fwe.wisc.edu/coverts>

Coverts application, sample agenda, and wildlife & forest management resources for private landowners

Kemp Natural Resources Station
<http://www.kemp.wisc.edu>

The Ruffed Grouse Society
<http://www.ruffedgrousesociety.org>



For more information about the Wisconsin Coverts Project, contact:

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