



COVERTS COOPERATOR APPLICATION
for the
2024 Wisconsin Coverts Project Workshop at
Kemp Natural Resources Station in Woodruff, WI
August 22-25, 2024

We are looking for private landowners who are interested in managing their woodlands for wildlife and who are willing to share what they have learned with others in their community.

This application helps us identify and select enthusiastic individuals to attend the Wisconsin Coverts Project workshops and become Coverts Cooperators.

Note: You do not need to be a Wisconsin landowner; we will consider any woodland owner in the Midwest region.

If you are interested, please complete and return this application to Jamie Nack by **June 15th**.

If you have a significant other or family member who would like to attend the workshop with you, please have them complete a separate application and either mail them in together or put a note on each of the applications indicating you are applying together. Note: when more than one person, representing the same property is accepted, we do charge a fee to cover the meal and lodging costs for the additional person.

Please mail or e-mail completed applications to:

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The Wisconsin Coverts Project

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1. Mr. Mrs. Ms. _____
 (Circle one) First _____ Last _____

2. Home Address: _____

 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 County(ies) of Woodland Ownership: _____
 Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____
 E-mail: _____

3. Current Occupation: _____

4. How many years have you lived in your current state? _____
 What state do you live in? _____

5. How many years have you lived in the community in which you now reside? _____

6. Approximately how many TOTAL acres do you own or are responsible for managing?
 _____ acres owned _____ acres responsible for, owned by: _____
 Approximately how many of these acres are WOODED?
 _____ acres owned _____ acres responsible for, owned by: _____

7. How long have you owned your woodland property? _____

8. How many miles do you live from the major portion of your woodland holdings? _____

9. What are your primary interests and/or management objectives for your woodlands? List in order of importance. A sample list might be: 1. wildlife habitat improvement, 2. income production from timber, 3. maple syrup production, 4. recreational enjoyment.

10. Do you have a written wildlife or forest management plan for all or a portion of your property? **(Circle one) Yes or No**

If you circled yes, how many acres are included in the plan? _____

11. What, if any, forest or wildlife management activities have you carried out on your wooded property in the past three years? (For example: timber stand improvements, road construction/maintenance, releasing apple trees, brush pile making, etc.)

12. With whom have you consulted during the past three years, concerning management of your woodlands? (Circle appropriate letter(s))

- A. Wisconsin (or other state) Department of Natural Resources - FORESTER
- B. Wisconsin (or other state) Department of Natural Resources - WILDLIFE or CONSERVATION BIOLOGIST
- C. University of Wisconsin (or other state) Extension Service (e.g. regional educator, state specialist)
- D. Private consulting forester
- E. Industrial forester
- F. Natural Resources Conservation Service
- G. Conservation organization (e.g. Ruffed Grouse Society, Audubon Society, National Wild Turkey Federation, Resource Conservation & Development Council).
Please list: _____
- H. Other contacts (please list): _____

13. How much knowledge of woodland management have you gained from the following sources? (Circle the appropriate response)

| | | | |
|---|------|------|------|
| Newspaper | None | Some | Much |
| Radio | None | Some | Much |
| Television | None | Some | Much |
| Extension Publications | None | Some | Much |
| Workshops/Short Courses | None | Some | Much |
| Forestry/Wildlife Professionals | None | Some | Much |
| Friends and Neighbors..... | None | Some | Much |
| Natural Resource and Environmental..... | None | Some | Much |
| Organizations (e.g., Ruffed Grouse Society, The Nature Conservancy) | | | |

14. How would you compare your knowledge of forest and wildlife management to that of other woodland owners? (Circle a number)

Less knowledge 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 More knowledge

15. Please list any current or past community and organizational involvement. (For example: association memberships or offices, community boards or committees, other volunteer activities)

| Organization/Activity | Role | Former or Current |
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16. Please indicate the statement that most accurately describes the level of knowledge you feel you have about forest and wildlife management. (Circle the appropriate letter)

- A. I have no knowledge of forest or natural resources management.
- B. I am aware of some of the options available to me in managing my property for wood, wildlife and other benefits.
- C. I understand some forest and wildlife management concepts and can explain them to others.
- D. I have enough skills to implement some forest and wildlife management activities on my land.
- E. I know as much about forest and wildlife management as most foresters or wildlife biologists.

17. Which of the following statements most accurately describes your attitudes about hunting (not necessarily just on your property)? (Circle the appropriate letter)

- A. I am strictly opposed to all hunting.
- B. I am not opposed to hunting, but do not hunt.
- C. I am a hunter.

18. I do / do not (circle one) allow hunting on my property (including if only yourself). This is only for survey purposes. You will not be asked to allow hunters on your property!

19. Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with the following statements. (Circle the corresponding number).

| | Strongly Disagree | Disagree | Agree | Strongly Agree |
|--|----------------------|----------|-------|-------------------|
| A. I find it easy to express my ideas | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| B. It is easy for me to act naturally in a group..... | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| C. Others often turn to me for guidance | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| D. I enjoy speaking in public | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| E. Others expect me to be a leader in my community..... | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| F. People often ask me for my views on natural resource .. issues before asking any of my other friends | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |

20. How much access do you feel you have to local media sources? (Circle a number)

No access 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 Direct access

21. How much access do you feel you have to local community groups or other organizations active in your area? (Circle a number)

No access 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 Direct access

22. Which of the following do you feel are your three strongest potential points as a communicator? (Circle the appropriate letters)

- A. Writing for newspapers, periodicals, etc.
- B. Appearing on radio.
- C. Appearing on television.
- D. Public speaking.
- E. Organizing workshops or educational displays.
- F. Leading groups in the field.
- G. One-on-one conversations with neighbors and others.
- H. Addressing important issues with legislators or local officials.
- I. Staffing educational displays and answering questions at fairs or similar functions.
- J. Other: _____

23. How did you find out about the Wisconsin Coverts Project? If you learned about Coverts from a past attendee (“Coverts Cooperator”) please provide their name.

24. What aspects of the Coverts Project interest you the most?



25. Anything else you would like to share?



**Thank you for your interest in the Wisconsin Coverts Project.
Applications are due June 15th
We will notify all applicants of their status by early July.**