

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:

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

Applications are due June 15th

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

County(ies) land ownership: _____



Promoting Woodland Wildlife Stewardship

A Woodland Wildlife Management Program for Private Landowners

WI Coverts Project Workshop:
August 21-24, 2025
Woodruff, WI

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

Sponsored by:

- Division of Extension at UW-Madison
- Department of Forest & Wildlife Ecology, UW-Madison
- The Ruffed Grouse Society/
American Woodcock Society
- Wisconsin Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI®) Implementation Committee
- Renewable Resources Extension Act
- The Anne and Jason Spaeth Family
- Braun Woodlands

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 provide you with resources (e.g. websites, publications) to help you manage your woodlands.
- You'll find out who to contact for your woodland wildlife needs.

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, and be available to answer questions.
- share resources provided by the Wisconsin Coverts Project.

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



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



Comments from Wisconsin landowners:

Since 1994, 879 landowners have become COVERTS COOPERATORS. Collectively they have influenced the management on over a million acres in WI and neighboring states.



"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 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 paid for 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; 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 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 is generally 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 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.



Attendees stay in a lodge overlooking Lake Tomahawk.

Additional Information

Wisconsin Coverts Project Website

<http://fwe.wisc.edu/coverts>

Contains information about "Coverts", application, sample workshop agenda, and more.

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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