



The Wisconsin Coverts Project Comes To Illinois!!!

In an effort to reach absentee Wisconsin landowners residing in Illinois, a 2009 Wisconsin Coverts Project workshop is being offered at Max McGraw Wildlife Foundation in Dundee, IL on August 27 - 30, 2009.

Are you interested in learning how to manage your land for wildlife??

Perhaps there are some specific wildlife species you would like to encourage on your property or maybe you are encountering a nuisance wildlife problem? Are you thinking about conducting a timber harvest but don't know where to start? These are just a few of the topics covered during the annual Wisconsin Coverts Project workshop. If you are interested in wildlife management, land stewardship, and you are willing to share what you have learned with others, than the Wisconsin Coverts Project is for you!

About the workshop

Started in 1994, the Wisconsin Coverts Project is a 3-day workshop for private landowners who are interested in enhancing their woodlands for wildlife. The workshop is organized by the Extension Wildlife staff in the Department of Forest and Wildlife Ecology at UW – Madison. The project name “Coverts” is a 14th century English word describing a dense thicket that provides shelter for wildlife. Over the course of the 3 days, attendees receive training from forestry and wildlife professionals in the classroom and the field. Participants also receive a binder full of reference materials and contacts to use after the workshop.

Workshop Completion

At the completion of the Coverts workshop, participants agree to become Coverts Cooperators - implementing (or reviewing) their own written woodland management plan, reaching out to others in their communities, and encouraging sound land stewardship. Since the WI Coverts Project's beginning in 1994, 374 Coverts Cooperators (representing 337 properties) have attended Wisconsin's 15 workshops. We are working with a number of our Coverts Cooperators to plan and carry-out the Dundee, IL workshop. This workshop is sponsored by The Ruffed Grouse Society (RGS), the T. Stanton Armour Chapter of RGS, Louisiana-Pacific Corporation, University of Wisconsin – Extension, Department of Forest and Wildlife Ecology at UW – Madison, Max McGraw Wildlife Foundation, and additional sponsors to be determined. A minimum \$100 donation to cover workshop expenses will be requested due to increased costs associated with the workshop location.

To Apply

Attached is a brochure for the 2009 Wisconsin Coverts Project Workshop being held in Dundee, IL on August 27-30, 2009.

For more information on the WI Coverts Project (application, typical agenda, slideshow) and how to apply, please visit the WI Coverts Project website

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

or contact Jamie Nack, Coverts Coordinator (jlack@wisc.edu, 608-265-8264).

There are 25 spaces available for the workshop and applications are due June 15, 2009.