

COOPERATOR APPLICATION FORM
for the
2009 WISCONSIN COVERTS PROJECT WORKSHOPS
Kemp Natural Resources Station – Woodruff, WI

We're looking for Wisconsin landowners interested in managing their woodlands for wildlife and helping others to understand woodland wildlife management. This application helps us identify and select enthusiastic individuals to attend the Wisconsin Coverts Project Workshop and become Coverts Cooperators. If you are interested, please complete and return this form by **June 15th** to:

The Wisconsin Coverts Project
University of Wisconsin - Madison
Department of Forest and Wildlife Ecology
1630 Linden Drive, Rm 211
Madison, WI 53706

Please circle the workshop(s) you would like to be considered for:

August 13-16, 2009

August 27-30, 2009.

1. Mr. / 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 Wisconsin? _____
5. How many years have you lived in the community in which you now reside? _____
6. Approximately how many acres of woodland do you own or are responsible for managing in Wisconsin?
_____ acres owned _____ acres responsible for, owned by: _____
7. How many miles do you live from the major portion of your woodland holdings? _____

8. 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.

9. Do you have a written wildlife or forest management plan for the year? (circle one) Yes No

10. 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.)

11. With whom have you consulted during the past three years, concerning management of your woodlands? (circle appropriate letters)

- A. State Forester (DNR Bureau of Forestry)
- B. University of Wisconsin Cooperative Extension System (County Agent or State Specialist)
- C. State Wildlife Biologist (DNR Bureaus of Wildlife Management, Endangered Resources, etc.)
- D. Private Consulting Forester
- E. Industrial Forester
- F. Natural Resources Conservation Service (formerly SCS, Soil Conservation Service)
- G. Farm Service Agency (formerly ASCS, Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service)
- H. Others (please list)

12. 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, fish and game clubs, etc.)			

13. 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

14. 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

15. Please indicate the statement which 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.

16. 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.
17. 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!
18. 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

19. 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

20. 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

21. 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 _____

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

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

24. Anything else you would like to share?

**Thank you for your interest in the Wisconsin Coverts Project.
We will notify all applicants of their status by early July.**