



NEWS FROM WISCONSIN'S WOODS



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Wisconsin Coverts Project

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? If you are interested in wildlife management, land stewardship, and you are willing to share what you have learned with others, then the Wisconsin Coverts Project is for you! The project name "Coverts" is a 14th century English word describing a dense thicket that provides shelter for wildlife.

The 2011 Wisconsin Coverts Project workshop will be held **August 11-14** at Kemp Natural Resources Station in Woodruff, WI. The workshop is sponsored by The Ruffed Grouse Society, Louisiana-Pacific Corporation, University of Wisconsin – Extension, UW-Madison, Department of Forest and Wildlife Ecology, Braun Woodlands, the Anne and Jason Spaeth Family, and a grant from the Sustainable Forestry Initiative Inc. The workshops are open to any woodland owner (you don't have to be from Wisconsin) and will be free of charge.

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.

The Coverts workshop is an annual workshop. There are 25 spaces available for each workshop and applications are due June 15, 2011. For more information and to apply, please visit the WI Coverts Project website http://forestandwildlifeecology.wisc.edu/wl_extension/wicovertsproject.html or contact Jamie Nack at telephone 608-265-8264 or email jlneck@wisc.edu

Dealing with Storm Damage

It has been a challenging year weather-wise in Wisconsin. Tornadoes and snow, in one month, have left significant damage in some Wisconsin woodlands.

When faced with an unexpected emergency situation, what can you do?

- First, make sure that you, your family and your neighbors are safe.
- Watch for and if possible mark hazards on your property as you move around after the disaster.
- Secure any remaining valuables and structures from further damage.

Once the immediate danger has passed, assess the damage to your woodlands as soon as possible. Contact your consulting or DNR forester to walk the property with you and determine a plan for addressing the damage. If your land is in the Managed Forest Law (MFL) program, remember to contact your DNR forester prior to starting any work on your woodlands. If harvesting of the down or damaged timber is recommended, carefully select local reputable companies to do the work.

Frequently, the first reaction to storm damage is to start up the chain saw. When stressed and tired wearing protective gear may seem like just another hindrance to cleaning up the site. Wearing safety gear is a proven way to save lives no matter what the circumstances. Take the time to find and wear your hard hat with face shield or safety glasses, hearing protection, gloves, boots, and chain saw chaps. Then, remember to survey the immediate area prior to cutting to look for additional hazards.

Don't become another statistic when cleaning up after storm damage!

Visit WWOA's New Website

WWOA has a new website with special thanks to the WWOA Website Committee and Joe Arington! The new website has a colorful new look and features. You might even find your picture in our new photo gallery!

Visit the new website at the same address, www.wisconsinwoodlands.org to find information about WWOA, such as Board of Directors, Chapter Chairs, Bylaws or strategic plan. The website also has a variety of WWOA news and activities, a chapter map, many resource links for managing your land, and a sample timber sale contract.

The new website has PayPal, a secure credit card processing system, that can be used for joining WWOA, gifting WWOA memberships, renewing your membership, or making donations to WWOA. PayPal will send you an email receipt when used for financial transactions.

Please let us know if you have additional suggestions for the new website so that we can serve you better! Contact Website Committee chair, Dale Zaug at mrz@mwwb.net

Don't forget to also visit WWOA on Facebook!

2011 Annual Meeting

WWOA members join us in Eau Claire on **September 15-18** for WWOA's 2011 Annual Meeting. The Plaza Hotel & Suites, conveniently located just off I-94, will be our host site.

The Planning Committee has created a meeting filled with fun educational events for all interests. Thursday and Friday tours are described in the Spring issue of *Woodland Management* magazine. The Summer issue will include more information about meeting activities including the Members Sharing Experiences, Landowner Café, craft session and Saturday Keynote and breakout sessions. There will also be exhibits, door prizes, raffle, silent auction, and photo contest voting.

Reservations at The Plaza Hotel & Suites can be made by calling 715-834-3181 or 800-482-7829 and state that you are with **WWOA Block #7013** to receive our special room rate of \$65/night plus tax for single or double occupancy. Visit www.plazaeauclaire.com to learn more about this wonderful facility.

Registration materials for the meeting will be in mail in early July to members. If you can't join us for the whole weekend, we offer a variety of registration options, so come when you can!



Call for Nominations for WWOA Board of Directors

The WWOA Nominating Committee, chaired by Jim Mroczenski (mroski@airrun.net), is looking for active WWOA members interested in serving on the WWOA Board of Directors.

Three positions are open this year. If you are interested, please contact Jim Mroczenski to learn more about board responsibilities. The WWOA office (wwoa@uwsp.edu) will also send you an information packet and sample of previous biosketches.

To qualify as a candidate, one must be a woodland owner and voting member of WWOA, and agree to uphold WWOA's Purpose and Bylaws. Candidates must be willing to give time and energy to enhance and achieve the goals of WWOA. Good communication skills and electronic communication are helpful.

Biosketches from nominees must be received in the WWOA office **by May 21, 2011**. Ballots will be mailed out to voting members in June 2011.



Tree Farm Field Day 2011

Join John and Sally Ouellette at Dayton Ridge Tree Farm in Richland Center, WI

Wisconsin Outstanding Tree Farmers of the Year in 2010

Saturday June 4, 2011

8:00 am to 1:30 pm

Events at the Field Day include:

- Bird tour (optional, 7 AM)
- Timber stand improvement woodlot management
- Forest health, including Thousand Canker Disease of Black Walnut
- Estimating defect and log grading
- Soils, site selection and selecting the right species
- Tree growth, biodiversity and the effects of whitetail deer
- Food plot planting
- Forestry activities for girl scouts and cub scouts
- Silent auction benefiting WTFC
- Additional (optional) walking tours, covering invasive species, bluebird houses, mushroom growing and farm ponds, will be available

These are walking tours. Please indicate on the registration form if assistance is needed.

2011 Tree Farm Field Day • Dayton Ridge Tree Farm Tree Farm
Please make checks payable to : Wisconsin Tree Farm Committee

of people attending _____ Amount Enclosed \$ _____ Cost: \$10.00/person
\$15.00/Couple/Family

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Wheelchair Access /Assistance Needed _____

Mail complete registration to: WTFC
PO Box 285
Stevens Point, WI 54481-0285

Driving Directions from Richland Center:

Go West on State Highway 14 from Richland Center approximately 6-8 miles.

Turn left at County Highway ZZ, heading South for approximately 1 mile

Turn right onto Dayton Ridge Road, follow signs to the field day parking area .

Dayton Ridge Tree Farm
18957 Dayton Ridge Rd.
Richland Center, WI 53581

About Dayton Ridge Tree Farm

Situated on 300 acres in Richland County, over 40,000 trees have been planted over the past 39 years. Species include red and white pine, red and white oak, maple, shagbark hickory, black cherry, yellow birch, butternut, chestnut and black walnut. The Tree Farm also provided the Madison Children's Museum with ATFS certified hardwood for floors, trim and cabinets.

**Registration Due by
May 27, 2011**

Breakfast and Lunch will be provided at the field day site.

To donate an item for the Silent Auction, contact Ruthanne Horning
email: cookie@maqs.net

Suggested items include hand-crafted wood items, crafts, and unusual or "unique" items

For more details on the field day, contact the WTFC at 715-252-2001 or email at witreefarm@gmail.com

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 Regular member \$45 or 3 years at \$125
 Family membership \$60
 Contributing member \$65+
 Individual Life member \$600 (≥ 18 years old)
 Gift Regular member \$25 (from WWOA member)

Nonvoting
 Associate member \$45 or 3 years at \$125
 Associate contributing member \$65+
 Student \$25 (full-time)

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