

VERMONT COVERTS LANDOWNER WORKSHOPS IN 2008

Audubon Vermont & Vermont Coverts will be offering a series of workshops for landowners to explore management practices to benefit wildlife. The workshops may be attended as a series or as stand-alone programs. Please register by calling 802-434-3068 ask for Bridget or Jen or email at bbutler@audubon.org <<mailto:bbutler@audubon.org>>. All the workshops will be free of charge!

Creating a Vision for Your Forested Land

Feb. 2, 9:30 am to 3:30 pm

Lunch provided

Hulbert Outdoor Center, Fairlee VT

Forest landowners are the key to healthy forests in Vermont. This workshop will help landowners identify various habitat features on their property in order to create their own personal goals and objectives for the management of their property. Landowners will come away with a better understanding of what they want for their property as well as the resources and professionals available to support their decisions. This workshop is most appropriate for landowners with 25 acres or more.

Wildlife of Vermont Forests

March 10th 7 pm

Howe Library, Hanover NH

Join biologists from Vermont Coverts and Audubon Vermont as they take you on a wildlife tour through Vermont's various forest habitats in search of wildlife! Learn what animals rely on our forested landscape and the management strategies that can enhance their presence in Vermont.

Wildlife Inventory & Monitoring

May 2 (Evening Session) 7 pm

May 3rd (Half Day Field Session) 9 am to Noon

Justin Morrill Homestead, Strafford VT

Many landowners want to know what wildlife species occur in their forested landscape. This workshop will help participants become better observers of wildlife, learn how to keep records of wildlife sightings and how to use this information when making management decisions. The evening session will focus on the techniques while the field session the following day will put those practices to work. Sessions may be attended separately but participants are strongly encouraged to attend both.

Invasives On Your Property

August 2nd, 9 am to Noon

Site TBA, Thetford, VT

Invasive plants and animals are becoming an increasing threat to our forested landscape. The Nature Conservancy (TNC) will be joining Vermont Coverts and Audubon Vermont for this hands-on workshop. TNC's WOW! program will show landowners how to efficiently and effectively cut and chop woody plants like Japanese barberry, buckthorn and bush honeysuckle and smother and pull herbaceous plants like garlic mustard and goutweed as mechanisms to manage populations growing in woodlands. Landowners will also be able to discuss the benefits of safely utilizing herbicides during invasive plant removal and learn about the different types of herbicides on the market, how they work, and the safest and best techniques for application. Finally, proper disposal of invasive plants is a key in preventing their spread and landowners will learn the do's and don'ts of what to do with the plant once they are removed.