

<b>Course Name: Wetland Wildlife Habitat Management - Module</b>	
<b>Course Coordinator: State Biologist</b>	<b>Course Number: MI0032</b>

**Overview:** This course emphasizes the characteristics and habitat requirements of wildlife species normally associated with wetland ecosystems. It covers the life history information of common wetland species and their associated habitat requirements. This course covers conservation practices, program guides, and technical guidance tools that aid in the planning for these species.

**Purpose:** The purpose of this course is to provide information and techniques for planning and maintaining habitat for common wildlife species associated with wetland ecosystems. This information will result in conservation plans that assist customers in making decisions that conserve, maintain, and improve cropland resources.

**Prerequisites:**

- Read the following Standards and Specification in the FOTG
  - 658 Wetland Creation
  - 659 Wetland Enhancement
  - 657 Wetland Restoration
  - 644 Wetland Wildlife Habitat Management
  - 646 Shallow Water Management for Wildlife

**Duration:** One day

**Target Audience:** NRCS and conservation partner employees providing conservation planning assistance to customers.

**Expected Outcomes:** The minimum wetland wildlife planning proficiency level expected at the end of the course is 3 - Perform with supervision

**Resources needed:** Michigan Field Office Technical Guide, "Managing Michigan's Wildlife: A landowner's guide" "Managing Michigan's Wetlands: A landowner's guide"

Outline for: **Wetland Wildlife Habitat Management - Module**

Part 1: In classroom

Review wetland types in Michigan

Review life history of common species including: Dabbling ducks, leopard frog, spotted salamander, plovers and sandpipers

Practices for wetland ecosystems including wetland enhancements, berms, pushouts, wetland restoration, controlled water levels

Part 2: In field

Review local wetland ecosystem practices