

Course Name: Forest Wildlife Habitat Management – Module	
Course Coordinator: State Biologist	Course Number: MI0061

Overview: This course emphasizes the characteristics and habitat requirements of wildlife species normally associated with forested ecosystems. It covers life history information of common forest wildlife species and their associated habitat requirements. It 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 forested ecosystems. This information will result in conservation plans which assist customers in making decisions which conserve, maintain and improve forest resources.

Prerequisites:

- Read the following Standards and Specifications in the FOTG
 - 647 Early Successional Habitat Development
 - 655 Forest Harvest Trails and Landings
 - 666 Forest Stand Improvement
 - 568 Recreation Trail and Walkway
 - 612 Tree/Shrub Establishment
 - 645 Upland Wildlife Habitat Management

Duration: One day

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

Expected Outcomes: The minimum forestland 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"

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

Part 1: In Classroom

Review Woodland types of Michigan

Review Life history information on common species including:

Ruffed grouse, black bear, gray squirrel, spotted salamander, red-eyed vireo

Practices for forestland ecosystems including crop tree management,
Wildlife openings, brushpile development

Part 2: In Field

Review local forestland practices.