

# RESOURCE LIST FOR 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS WILDLIFE CURRICULUM (Revised 10/2005)

## **Federal Cartridge Company**

900 Ehlen Drive

Anoka, MN 55303-7503

(Website: <http://www.federalcartridge.com>, see the education section)

To order: print out the order form off their website and mail it in or write to the above address.

## **Publications:**

### **Upland Game Birds**

Beautiful color photos of 22 upland game birds with life history descriptions and maps of their geographical distributions. (\$1.00 each or \$10.00 for 25)

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Flyways, color photos and a land's-eye view of waterfowl overhead will teach you how to identify the waterfowl you see out in the field. Descriptions of 29 different waterfowl are featured in this booklet. (\$1.00 each or \$10.00 for 25)

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29 small game and fur-bearing animals are described in this 35-page booklet. The photos, descriptions, and geographical distribution maps explain the life history of North America's most popular small game and furbearers. (\$1.00 each or \$10.00 for 25)

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Explains the importance of wildlife habitat and the effects of habitat change. Shows how we can live in harmony with wildlife. Combines animated characters with a variety of hunting scenes and wildlife footage. 25 minutes, VHS.

### **Before You Hunt Video**

Animated characters and live scenes explain the role of the hunter as a conservationist. Emphasizes the hunter's responsibility to understand and conserve wildlife and its habitat. 27.5 minutes, VHS.

VHS Video Prices: 1 to 6 tapes \$8.75 each; 7 to 15 tapes \$7.50 each; 16 or more \$6.50 each

Note: Federal also has publications and videos available on ammunition, reloading, patterning your shotgun, and pistol, rifle, and shotgun shooting.

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**Outdoor Empire Publishing, Inc.**

424 North 130th Street  
Seattle, WA 98133 USA

**Ducks At A Distance - Pocket Guide**

Features different species of waterfowl and information on how to identify them by plumage colors, flock patterns, silhouettes and sounds. New handy pocket size- 48 pages. (\$3.00/each, discount for bulk orders)

**Ducks at a Distance - 8x11”**

Features the different species of waterfowl and how to identify them by plumage colors, flock patterns, silhouettes and sounds. Complete with full-color illustrations. (\$2.50/each, discount for bulk orders)

**Wildlife Identification Pocket Guide**

This pocket guide with full color illustrations presents the most common animal species in North America. The guide includes large and small mammals, upland birds, waterfowl, and raptors. Learn about the animals' habits and signs such as tracks, markings or scat. Learning more about wildlife and their habitat assists viewers in their appreciation and enjoyment of seeing the animals afield. 120 pages. (\$4.50/each, discount for bulk orders)

Note: Outdoor Empire Publication has additional outdoor related education materials (i.e. snowmobile and ATV safety, fishing, boating).

To order on-line visit their On-line store at: <http://www.outdoorempire.com/>  
Call 1-800-645-5489 to order by phone and for information on discounts for bulk orders.

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The Ducks at a Distance publication is also available on-line on the **Northern Prairie Wildlife Research Center** Website at:

<http://www.npwrc.usgs.gov/resource/tools/duckdist/duckdist.htm>

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**Today's Hunter: A guide to hunting responsibly and safely**

Today's Hunter serves as the textbook for Wisconsin's Hunter Safety Education Classes. It's a great resource for hunting and safety information and contains sections on ethics, laws, hunting techniques, wildlife conservation, wildlife identification, and more. The publication is available on-line at: <http://boat-ed.com/huntered/>.

For hard copies, contact your regional Department of Natural Resources Hunter Education Coordinator.

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## **Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Publications**

**Note: Unless noted otherwise, the WDNR publications are free of charge, but may be limited to a single copy per request.**

### **Snakes of Wisconsin**

A 32-page full-color guide of the 20 snakes that live in the state. The book includes a lengthy introduction section, individual species accounts with range maps, a user-friendly identification pie-chart key and 30 beautiful photographs. The book retails for \$3.00 ea. Quantities of 10-49 are \$2.50 ea. and quantities over 50 run \$2.00 ea. Print out the form above to place an order.

### **Amphibians of Wisconsin**

A 44-page full-color guide of the 19 frogs and salamanders that are native to the state. The book has a very informative introduction section, a breeding calendar, species accounts with range maps, a user-friendly identification pie-chart key and 49 beautiful photographs. The book retails for \$4.00 ea. Quantities of 10-49 are \$3.00 ea. and quantities over 50 run \$2.50 ea. Print out the form above to place an order.

### **Turtles and Lizards of Wisconsin**

A 48-page full-color guide of the 12 turtles and 4 lizards that call Wisconsin home. The book contains two informative introduction sections, species accounts with range maps, two user-friendly identification pie-chart key and 60 great photographs. The book retails for \$4.00 ea. Quantities of 10-49 are \$3.00 ea. and quantities over 50 run \$2.50 ea.

Snakes of Wisconsin, Amphibians of Wisconsin, and Turtles and Lizards of Wisconsin, ordering form is available at:

[http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/land/er/publications/pdf/herp\\_order.pdf](http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/land/er/publications/pdf/herp_order.pdf)

### **Endangered Resources Publications**

See their website (<http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/land/er/publications/> for a list of available publications)

### **Wildlife Fact Sheets**

A variety of informational pamphlets that describe the life cycles, life functions, habitats, history, and management of some of Wisconsin's most common wildlife species.

To see a list of available fact sheets and to order, print and complete the Wildlife Management Publications [Order Form](#) and mail to:

**Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources  
Bureau of Wildlife Management  
P.O. Box 7921  
Madison, WI 53707-7921**

### **Wildlife and Your Land series**

A series of publications designed to offer suggestions to you, the private landowner, on how to manage your land for wildlife. Each part of the series focuses on management practices that you can apply to your land. Starts out by getting to know some of the basics of wildlife management, how to inventory and monitor wildlife, which species are found throughout Wisconsin, etc. These publications are available in an on-line format

at: <http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/land/wildlife/publ/wildland.htm> or can be ordered by using the Wildlife Management Publications [Order Form](#).

Of particular interest might be:

So, What Should I Plant: Trees, Shrubs, and Vines with Wildlife Values  
 Wisconsin Wildlife Primer: Wildlife Habits and Habitat  
 Calling All Wildlife! Wildlife Management Basics  
 How to Inventory and Monitor Wildlife on your Land

### **Hunting and Trapping Regulations and Education Information**

Turkey, goose, bear, migratory bird, trapping, etc. These publications are available in an on-line at: <http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/land/wildlife/regs/> or can be ordered using the Wildlife Management Publications [Order Form](#). Regulations are also available at any WDNR service center.

### **Hunting in Wisconsin**

Information provided on hunting white-tailed deer, wild turkey, black bear, ducks and geese, ruffed grouse, etc. including season information, special restrictions, zones, harvest information, surveys, and related information. Available on-line at: <http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/land/wildlife/hunt/index.htm>

### **Endangered and Threatened Species Fact Sheets**

<http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/land/er/factsheets/>

Use this link to view lists of Wisconsin's Threatened and Endangered Species and read species fact sheets, where available.

### **Wildlife Health**

Information on wildlife diseases (Chronic Wasting Disease, West Nile Virus, epizootic hemorrhagic disease, Lyme disease, rabies, etc.) and fact sheets.

<http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/land/wildlife/whealth/>

### **Chronic Wasting Disease website**

Information, news releases, publications, maps, regulations, links to other sources

<http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/land/wildlife/whealth/issues/cwd/>

### **Checklists of Wisconsin Vertebrates**

By: Dreux J. Watermolen and Matthew D. Murrell

Working checklists of the vertebrate animals occurring in Wisconsin are provided. Six hundred ninety-three species are documented from the state (159 fishes, 19 amphibians, 35 reptiles, 408 birds, and 72 mammals). Six hundred sixty-eight species are believed to be native, while 25 are introduced non-native species (14 fishes, 8 birds, and 3 mammals). Five species are listed at the federal level as endangered and 1 is listed as threatened. Thirty-one species are listed as endangered species at the state level and 28 are considered threatened. At least 12 species have been extirpated from the state (6 fishes, 2 birds, and 4 mammals). Special codes indicate the relative occurrence of each species in the bird checklist. It is suggested that a process be initiated to periodically update the checklists. Publication #SS-954 2001

On-line version: <http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/es/science/publications/VertChklist/>

Hard copies of this publication are available by contacting the Science Services' Science Communications Office at (608)-266-0842 or by e-mailing the Science Communications Manager [Martin.Griffin@dnr.state.wi.us](mailto:Martin.Griffin@dnr.state.wi.us). For additional ordering information visit: <http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/es/science/publications/order.htm>

### **Wild Turkey Ecology and Management in Wisconsin**

By: John F. Kubisiak, Robert E. Rolley, R. Neal Paisley, and Robert G. Wright  
44 page publication covers the history of wild turkeys in Wisconsin, habitat requirements, wild turkeys and agriculture, population dynamics, managing the hunt, and future prospects for wild turkeys in Wisconsin. Publication #SS-955 2001

Available on-line at:

<http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/land/wildlife/HUNT/turkey/turkeybook.htm>

Hard copies of this publication are available by contacting the Science Services' Science Communications Office at (608)-266-0842 or by e-mailing the Science Communications Manager [Martin.Griffin@dnr.state.wi.us](mailto:Martin.Griffin@dnr.state.wi.us). For additional ordering information visit: <http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/es/science/publications/order.htm>

### **Wisconsin's Deer Management Program: The issues involved in decision making**

This publication covers the importance of deer in Wisconsin, basics of deer management, goal-setting in detail, and regional population trends for deer in Wisconsin. Publication #SS-931 1998

Available on-line at:

<http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/land/wildlife/HUNT/deer/Deerbook.pdf>

Hard copies of this publication are available by contacting the Science Services' Science Communications Office at (608)-266-0842 or by e-mailing the Science Communications Manager [Martin.Griffin@dnr.state.wi.us](mailto:Martin.Griffin@dnr.state.wi.us). For additional ordering information visit: <http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/es/science/publications/order.htm>

### **On-line Tree & Shrub Identification**

A simple key identify many of Wisconsin's forest trees is available at <http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/land/forestry/treeid/index.htm>. It is searchable by scientific or common names and the site has descriptions of the tree's bark, leaves, fruit, wood, as well as its range in the state.

The State Nursery web site

<http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/land/forestry/Nursery/Order/shrubs.htm> contains information on some of the common Wisconsin shrubs.

### **EEK! – Environmental Education for Kids website**

<http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/caer/ce/eeek/index.htm>

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources has put together this website for both teachers and kids grades 4-8. The website contains information on: Wisconsin wildlife species, current issues in the state, habitats, phenology, vegetation, outdoor recreation, indoor and outdoor educational activities, and much more.

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## **Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Publications**

To order: write, call, fax, or e-mail

Minnesota's Bookstore

660 Olive Street

St. Paul, MN 55155

1-800-657-3757

Fax: 651-215-5733

E-mail: [mn.bookstore@state.mn.us](mailto:mn.bookstore@state.mn.us)

Webpage: <http://www.comm.media.state.mn.us/bookstore/bookstore.asp>

### **Landscaping for Wildlife - \$10.95**

### **Woodworking for Wildlife: Homes for Birds and Mammals - \$9.95**

### **Wild About Birds: The DNR Bird Feeding Guide - \$19.95**

Note: An abbreviated list of bird feeding tips for each season is available on-line at:

<http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/birdfeeding/index.html>

The 2 book set (Landscaping for Wildlife & Woodworking for Wildlife) sells for \$18.50

The 3 book set (Wild About Birds, Landscaping for Wildlife & Woodworking for Wildlife) sells for \$36.95

## **Wisconsin Society for Ornithology**

Checklist of Wisconsin birds with migration graphs, \$0.95 each.

Visit their website at: <http://www.uwgb.edu/birds/wso/> for current ordering information.

They also have an on-line store which has bird books, videos, cds, slide sets, and more for sale.

## **Cooperative Extension Service – Wildlife, Fish, and Forest Resources Bibliography**

<http://www1.uwex.edu/ces/wlb/>

An on-line and searchable bibliography of Wildlife, Fish, and Forest Conservation and Management, as well as 4-H and Youth Literature from various states. Materials include printed documents, audio and visual tapes, CD's and computer software. Ordering information specific to each state is also provided.

## **University of Wisconsin Cooperative Extension Publications**

<http://cecommerce.uwex.edu/>

Publications can be ordered by calling 1-877-WIS-PUBS or by using the on-line order off their website. However, many of these publications are now available on-line and you can download and print them right from their website. A variety of wildlife-related publications are available, many deal with wildlife damage management and include

information on ecology and animal identification. See the website for prices and a complete list of available publications, some are out of print but available on-line.

Of particular interest might be:

G3176 Bird Feeding: Tips for Beginners and Veterans

G1609 Landscape Plants that Attract Birds

NCR338 Shelves, Houses, and Feeders for Birds and Mammals

B3573 Wisconsin's Wild Game: Enjoying the Harvest

G3564 Outdoor hazards in Wisconsin: A Guide to Noxious Insects, Plants, and Wildlife

G3139 Snakes of Wisconsin

G3097 Wisconsin Woodlands: Wildlife Management

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### **University of Wisconsin Extension, Cooperative Extension Media Collection**

Collection of about 1900 titles, serves as a centralized source of audiovisual materials for the use of Cooperative Extension agents in Wisconsin and their clients. Materials in the collection represent a wide variety of formats including videos, slide sets, audiocassettes, skillathons and displays, among others. For ordering information, loaning policies, and to view the on-line catalog go to: <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/media/>

Note: topics covering shooting sports, wildlife, hunting, and conservation are in the collection.

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### **U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Website**

<http://www.fws.gov/>

Website contains a lot of useful information on hunting, conservation, birds, habitat, education, endangered species, refuges, etc.

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### **USGS - Patuxent Bird Identification InfoCenter**

<http://www.mbr-pwrc.usgs.gov/id/framlst/infocenter.html>

An excellent website with information on North American birds including photographs, songs, videos, identification tips, maps, and life history

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### **The Wildlife Management Institute**

To order these publications contact:

**Wildlife Management Institute**

1101 14th Street, N.W., Suite 801

Washington, D.C. 20005

(202) 371-1808

Fax: (202) 408-5059

<http://www.wildlifemanagementinstitute.org/>

Payment can be made by check, money order, purchase order, or Visa or MasterCard.

**Placing Hunting in Perspective**

27 pages. Describes the fundamental precepts of hunting as a prominent aspect of our environment, history and culture, as well as its biological, social, personal and economic values. \$2.75, postpaid.

**Placing Wildlife Management in Perspective**

32 pages. Explains why and how wildlife needs to be managed, the importance of habitat, accomplishments of modern wildlife management, and what a concerned citizen can do to help. \$1.75, postpaid.

**Helping Wildlife: Working With Nature**

26 pages. Provides teachers, instructors and students with an understanding of the basic principles of wildlife ecology and management. \$2.50, postpaid.

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**Field Guides:**

There are a variety of field guides available covering topics such as, Birds, Mammals, Animal Tracks, Reptiles and Amphibians, Trees and Shrubs, Wildflowers, Birds' Nests, etc. The Peterson Field Guide Series is a quite popular, but others include the Golden, Stokes, National Audubon Society, and National Geographic field guide series.

Many of these guides are readily available at bookstores (Borders, Barnes and Noble, etc.). They can also be ordered on-line from places such as Amazon.com.

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**Non-Profit Organizations:**

Excellent sources for videos, magazines, educational publications, speakers, etc. Many of these organizations have active youth programs in the state as well.

**Whitetails Unlimited** - <http://www.whitetailsunlimited.org/>

Has a nice selection of educational booklets including: Deer talk, An Evaluation of Deer Management Options, Forest Management for White-tailed Deer, Habitat Enhancement Guidelines, Quality Deer Management, Traditional Deer Management, Trophy Deer Management, The North American White-tailed Deer – Distribution and Subspecies, Whitetail Wonders, and Youth-Wildlife Habitat.

Go to <http://www.whitetailsunlimited.org/forms/contactus.tpl> if you would like to request free copies of any of their booklets.

**Pheasants Forever** - <http://www.pheasantsforever.org/>

Information on food plots, nesting cover, woody cover, etc.

**National Wild Turkey Federation** - <http://www.nwtf.org/>

Information on the various species of wild turkey, land management tips (food and cover suggestions), conservation issues, etc.

**Ducks Unlimited** - <http://www.ducks.org/>

The website has a section for teachers and educators which includes past issues of DU's Puddler magazine, a list of wetland/outdoor activities, complete wetland

curriculum, teacher's guides. They also have a Greenwings website just for Kid's <http://www.greenwing.org/> which has a section all about ducks, fun games, DU facts, and a section on fun facts.

**Ruffed Grouse Society** - <http://www.ruffedgrousesociety.org>

Publications available on habitat management for ruffed grouse, American woodcock, and other forest wildlife. Their website has fact sheets on grouse and woodcock range, biology, habitat, and management.

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**National Shooting Sports Foundation**

Flintlock Ridge Office Center  
11 Mile High Road  
Newtown, CT 06470-2395  
(203) 426-1320

The National Shooting Sports Foundation website <http://www.nssf.org/> covers a variety of topics including: being an ethical hunter, wildlife conservation, firearm safety, and more. You can order a free catalog of available literature by contacting NSSF at (203) 426-1320 or email [literature@nssf.org](mailto:literature@nssf.org).

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**Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Handbook**

This handbook serves as the manual for the Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Program and contains a lot of excellent information. Sections covered include: wildlife management concepts and terms, habitat regions in North America, wildlife species descriptions, wildlife management practices, and an activity section.

The manual (updated in 2001) is available in a hard copy form (\$12.00) or a new CD-Rom version (\$10.00). Website has more information <http://www.whep.org/manual.htm>

To order the manual contact:  
Roselyn Weston  
4-H Youth Development  
Oklahoma State University  
Phone: (405) 744-8887  
Fax: (405) 744-6522  
E-mail: [roseduc@okstate.edu](mailto:roseduc@okstate.edu)

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Additionally, National 4-H Shooting Sports Foundation curriculum is available for each discipline at district, state, and national certification workshops.

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### Other Ideas:

- Look for outdoor/wildlife versions of board games. The hunter's version of Trivial Pursuit, for example, would provide a fun evening for team play. Check sporting good stores, mail order catalogs, and the Internet
- Videotape television programs for later showing. Outdoor Wisconsin, Nature, Wild America, National Geographic, Audubon specials, and others are excellent examples. Be sure you don't violate copy laws!
- Firearms/ammunition manufactures and the National Rifle Association have many useful, educational publications on shooting, safety, ethics, wildlife, and conservation.
- Obtain a copy of A Sand County Almanac by Aldo Leopold, read and discuss the chapters.
- Assemble back issues of wildlife and conservation magazine from people who subscribe. They are excellent for photos, articles to discuss, "how-to" information, etc.

#### Examples:

Audubon

Outdoor Life

NRA magazines

Sports Afield

Wisconsin Outdoor Journal

Wisconsin Natural Resources

Deer and Deer Hunting

Turkey and Turkey Hunting

Ducks Unlimited

Field and Stream

Wisconsin Outdoor News