Young Forest Wildlife Needs Your Help

What is young forest?
Young forests have mainly seedling- and sapling-sized trees. These forests are generally under 20 years old. They quickly regrow after harvest or disturbance like a windstorm. Shrub wetlands with a lot of tag alder, willow, and dogwoods are also considered young forests due to their similarity in structure.

Why do we need to create young forests?
Wildlife like American woodcock, ruffed grouse, golden-winged warbler, and many migratory songbirds depend on young forests for nesting and raising their young. Their populations are declining at the state or national level due in part to loss of these forest habitats. Young forests are also important for many wildlife species like deer, bear, turkeys, turtles and insects.

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Our goal is to work with landowners to create and restore young forest habitat on suitable lands across Wisconsin.

We support diverse forest landscapes that include forests of all ages and types. We promote creation of young forest in appropriate locations as defined by species conservation plans and science-based best management practices.

Forests owned by private individuals and families cover 57% of Wisconsin. Private forest owners have tremendous opportunities to create and enjoy the young forest habitats needed by many wildlife species.

Do You Own Aspen (Popple) Forests Or Shrub Wetlands (Tag Alder Or Willow)?

IF YOU ANSWERED YES, WE CAN PROVIDE:

- Technical assistance for writing management plans on private land.
- A site visit from a conservation professional.
- Help with planning, designing, and carrying out habitat management to improve conditions for wildlife on your land.
- Cost-share assistance through federal programs to help pay for management expenses (Note: cost-share is not guaranteed and usually doesn’t cover 100% of the cost).