



## WILDLIFE SHORT COURSE

MARCH 12, 2009

LAUREL HILL, FLORIDA

**Location:** Bill Rogers Farm, Hwy 393, 1 mile south of Hwy 85

**Time:** 8:00am – 4:00pm **Lunch provided free of charge.**

**Register:** This short course is **free** but you must pre-register. Call the Okaloosa County Extension office at (850) 689-5850 to pre-register. **Limited to 70 participants** (All participants will be asked to sign a hold harmless agreement before attending)

\*All activity will be in the field. Dress appropriately. Will reschedule in event of rain.



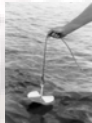
1. **Quail Management:** Learn to use a 1-sq. ft hoop to measure bare ground and identify important quail foods. Learn about the components of quail habitat (nesting cover, roosting cover, loafing cover, food).



2. **Turkey Management:** Participants will learn how to identify possible roost trees, learn why wetlands are important to turkeys, what foods turkeys eat, what does nesting cover look like for turkeys, learn how to identify good turkey habitat and why.



3. **Deer Management:** Food plot development, and equipment. See no-till drills in action, see how a browns tree cutter is used to reduce brush and create openings, learn to identify important deer foods. Learn about the importance of soil tests and how to interpret their results.



4. **Pond Management.** Learn to use a home made secchi disk to determine if your pond is in need of fertilizing. Test for pH. Learn how many fish to stock with and when.



5. **Duck management.** Learn how to build an effective and easy to maintain wood duck box and see it installed on a pond. See how a predator guard is built and installed.



6. **Beaver Management.** Learn about life history of beavers, their benefits and detriments to landowners. Learn about how to trap beavers and how to live with them.



7. **Hog Management:** Watch and learn how to build an effective hog trap. Learn what diseases hog carry and why you should care.



8. **Timber Management:** Participants will learn hands on how to measure the basal area of their timber stands and how to use this information to know if thinning is needed. Learn what basal areas are best for wildlife. Learn about prescribed burning and how to conduct safe burns.