

Milwaukee Audubon Society's

## **COUGAR ECOLOGY & VERIFICATION COURSE**

a 15 hour certification course by

Dr. Jim Halfpenny of the Track Education Center

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**Saturday and Sunday April 18 & 19, 2020**

**Riveredge Nature Center's - Sugar House - Newburg, Wisconsin**

Confirmed mountain lion sightings and sign within Milwaukee Audubon's membership territory of Milwaukee, Ozaukee, Washington, Waukesha, and Dodge Counties since 2016, and our last workshop, make this indoor tracking workshop for several predator species very timely.

Dr. Halfpenny predicts that Wisconsin will have a breeding population of cougars within the next 15 years.

Secret and elusive, cougars are creatures of myth and rumor. Capable of killing people, cougars stir our imagination, curiosity, and fear. Improve your knowledge about cougars, their presence, dangers, and management. Learn why Wisconsin is central to cougar dispersal.

**Cougar ecology and verification** covers population biology, behavior, pet trade, locating tracks and signs, determining age and sex, verifying presence, collecting quality evidence, and how cougars interact at the human interface.

Learn to accurately identify and document signs of cougars, dogs, lynx, wolves, and other rare carnivores. This is not a field program but includes sandbox tracking. Learn to make plaster casts of rare mammal tracks and how to purchase, make, and place various trail camera sets for cougars and other mammals.

Sessions are 9-5. For more information visit [milwaukeeaudubon.org](http://milwaukeeaudubon.org).

**Reserve your place in this program.**

Mail name and contact info with advance registration of \$150 to: Milwaukee Audubon Society

c/o Jim Uhrinak 7460 N. Longview Avenue, Glendale, WI 53209

**Bonus program Friday evening April 17 at 7 PM: from the west parking lot walk to Riveredge Nature Center's River Outpost. Free to cougar workshop registrants,**

**Wolverine: Fact & Fiction \$5 for non-registrant visitors**