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**“Non-Game Woodland Wildlife” program offered at the Vinton Furnace State Experimental Forest on October 12**

McArthur, OH – Southeastern Ohio’s woodlands are home to a wide variety of wildlife species ranging from salamanders and box turtles to bobcats and black bears. If you’d like to learn about the critters in and around your woodlands, join us at the Vinton Furnace State Experimental Forest near McArthur on October 12th. Wildlife biologists from the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and the ODNR- Division of Wildlife will be on hand to:

* Teach you about the wide variety of some of the more common, non-game wildlife species found in SE Ohio woods
* Provide updates on the status of less common species like bobcat, black bear and timber rattlesnake
* Share information on the habitat needs of many of these species
* Take you on a guided tour of variety of woodland habitats found at the Vinton State Furnace Experimental forest
* Interact with you and discuss ways that you can enhance wildlife habitat in your woods

“Non-Game Woodland Wildlife” is part of the monthly 2nd Friday Series sponsored by the Education and Demonstration Subcommittee of the Vinton Furnace State Experimental Forest with support from the ODNR-Divisions of Forestry and Wildlife, The National Wild Turkey Federation, US Forest Service, Vinton County Soil and Water Conservation District, Ohio State University Extension, US Fish and Wildlife Service, Hocking College, and Glatfelter.

“Non-Game Woodland Wildlife” will take place on October 12th at the Vinton Furnace State Experimental Forest, near McArthur. A registration fee of $10 will include lunch and program materials. For brochures and more information, visit <http://go.osu.edu/seohiowoods>. Please RSVP by calling OSU Extension Vinton County at 740-596-5212, or emailing Dave Apsley at apsley.1@osu.edu by October 8th.