

## ***Wild Turkeys in Wisconsin* TV Special to air statewide in April**

*Wild Turkeys in Wisconsin*, a one-hour special hosted by *Outdoor Wisconsin* host Dan Small and produced by the Outdoor Heritage Education Center (OHEC), will air on several broadcast and cable networks in April, according to the show's executive producer, OHEC founder Mark LaBarbera.

"The wild turkey is a magnificent bird," LaBarbera said. "The abundance of wild turkeys today throughout Wisconsin is a testament to the success of conservation, professional wildlife management and the restoration of a species that was absent from our landscape as recently as the 1970s. Our goal in this program is to help viewers understand the challenges and rewards of maintaining healthy wild turkey populations."

The program explores the history and biology of the wild turkey, with an emphasis on the restoration and management of wild turkeys in Wisconsin. Throughout the program, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and National Wild Turkey Federation staff will discuss turkey population dynamics, the economic impact of wild turkeys, hunting opportunities, harvest data, habitat management, the hunter's role in conservation, urban/suburban turkeys and other topics.

"I'm really excited about this program," Small said. "It will be similar in approach to our annual *Deer Hunt Wisconsin* show, which has informed and entertained viewers for more than 20 years."

Funding for the production was provided by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources through the turkey stamp program, with additional support from the National Wild Turkey Federation and Hunting Works for Wisconsin.

*Wild Turkeys in Wisconsin* will debut on Milwaukee Public Television at 9 p.m. on Thursday, April 7 and will air on the following stations and networks:

### **Milwaukee Public Television 10.1**

Thursday, April 7, 9 p.m.

Saturday, April 9, 9 a.m.

### **WMSN Fox 47, Madison**

Saturday, April 9, 8 a.m.

### **FOX Sports North (WI, MN, ND, SD, IA)**

Friday, April 8, 10:30 p.m. (or immediately following postgame)

Saturday, April 9, 5 a.m. & 11 a.m.

Friday, April 15, 3 p.m.

### **FOX Sports Wisconsin**

Friday, April 8, 10:30 p.m. (or immediately following postgame)

Saturday, April 9, 11 a.m.

Sunday, April 10, 5 a.m.  
Friday, April 15, 3 p.m.

*Fox Sports may re-telecast this program at additional times and dates in 2016.*

**Wisconsin Public Television**

(Statewide via Green Bay, La Crosse, Madison, Menomonie/Eau Claire, Park Falls, Wausau.)  
Monday, April 25, 8 p.m.

**Vernon Communications Community Channel 14**

Dates and times TBA

**WDSE Duluth/WRPT Hibbing**

Dates and times TBA

**Show segments will also be available on these and other websites:**

- Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources website ([dnr.wi.gov](http://dnr.wi.gov))
- Milwaukee Public Television website ([mptv.org](http://mptv.org))
- YouTube (*Wild Turkeys in Wisconsin* channel)

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