



Virginia Forest Landowner Update

August 2014

Upcoming Events

- **Tuesdays, August 5 – 26, On-line**
Master Wildlifer Program: Landscaping Consideration
- **August 7, Millboro**
Wildlife Habitat Management for Small Acreages
- **August 13-14, Winchester**
Virginia Christmas Tree Growers Association Annual Meeting
- **August 28, Lebanon**
Timber Sales 101
- **September 5-7, Wakefield**
Fall Landowner Weekend Retreat
- **September 12, Waynesboro**
Waynesboro Tree Care Workshop
- **September 20, Lovingson**
Venture Outdoors Program
- **Fall Forestry & Wildlife Field Tours**
 - **Sept. 29-30**
Northern Neck/Chesapeake Bay
 - **Oct. 10 - Halifax**
 - **Oct.**
Grayson/Carroll

Good morning Forest Update Subscribers,

I recently took a short trip to Connecticut. And I was dismayed to see our friend, the tree-of-heaven (*Ailanthus*) in the highway medians of each state I drove through (West Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York and Connecticut). I wanted to take photos to document my *Ailanthus*-journey, but it didn't seem wise to stop on the side of the highway (especially in New Jersey...yikes!). I was able to stop at a farmer's market and purchase some delicious New England blueberries on the way home, and those made me feel a little better.

After a reprieve of several years, the cherry trees in my yard are getting hammered by Japanese beetles this summer. As a result, I will be featuring them as the exotic invasive of the quarter in the upcoming fall edition of the Virginia Forest Landowner Update. Stay tuned.

As you can see on the left, we've been busy planning educational programs for you. Please click on the links to learn more, or give us a call.

Some forestry-related news items:

- **Can you conduct quality deer management on six acres? Yes....and no.**
- Have you or someone you know gone above and beyond to protect the Chesapeake Bay through sound forest management? If so, consider nominating them (or yourself) for the **Chesapeake Forest Champions Contest**. The contest is open to everyone.
- **This blog**, from The Nature Conservancy, features a five-part series focused on our changing eastern forests.
- U.S. Forests and Trees was the title of a recent Diane Rehm show. Guests discuss the emerald ash borer, biodiversity, biological control, and private forest landowners. Read the **transcript or listen here**.
- Are you thinking about conducting some forest management activities on your property but don't know where to start? The Virginia Department of Forestry has foresters serving every Virginia County. **Find your local forester here**.

Visit the Events Calendar for details!

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Don't forget, follow the Virginia Forest Landowner Education Program on Twitter (@VFLEP) and Facebook (www.facebook.com/VFLEP). Our trivia question for August is already posted on the Facebook page. Be with first with a correct answer, and win a VFLEP ball cap!

All the best!

Jennifer

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