



Working Lands for Wildlife Webinar

**The Long View:
Sustaining Our Oak Forests**
Wednesday, May 12, 2021
11 AM – 1 PM EST

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This FREE webinar hosted by [Ruffed Grouse Society](#) & [American Woodcock Society](#) and the [NRCS Working Lands for Wildlife program](#) will educate landowners and natural resource professionals on working lands conservation programs intended to benefit wildlife species and promote forest diversity.

Throughout history, oak forests have been appreciated for their enormous ecological, economic, and social value. These benefits are widely acknowledged by foresters, wildlife biologists, hunters, conservationists, and landowners.

However, successfully managing oak forests is no easy task. It requires knowledge, forethought, and patience. Due to land-use history, fire suppression, and poor or lacking forest management we are gradually losing our oak forests throughout the Central Hardwood Region and Eastern United States.

In this webinar, we will take the "Long View" by looking back in time to see how human history has influenced the oak forests we have today. This historical grounding will allow us to look forward and consider how our actions today can ensure we restore and sustain oak forests into the future.

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Featuring:

Mason Danheim, North Carolina Forest

Dr. D.J. McNeil, Pennsylvania State University

Dr. Daniel Dey, United States Forest Service

Chris Will, Central Kentucky Forest Management

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To do this, we must first gain a comprehensive understanding of the history of our oak forests in the Central Hardwood Region and learn about their widespread value to people, deer, grouse, songbirds, and pollinators. We will then look more closely at current research and how these dynamic forests grow and change in the face of natural and human disturbances. Speakers will then share practical examples of far-reaching, thoughtful forest management on family land and how those examples can be replicated to perpetuate our oak forests throughout their range.

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11 AM: Welcome and Introduction, Charlie Faires, RGS

11:05 AM: Land-use History of Upland Oak Forests of the Central Hardwood Region, Landowner Perspectives on Oak Silviculture, Mason Danheim, North Carolina Forest Service

11:20 AM: The Birds and the Bees: Songbird and Pollinator Responses to Oak Regeneration in the Central Appalachian Mountains, Dr. D.J. McNeil, Pennsylvania State University

11:50 AM: BREAK

NOON: Ecology and Silviculture of Upland Oak Forests, Dr. Daniel Dey, United States Forest Service

12:30 PM: A Practical Strategy for Managing Oak Forests, Chris Will, Central Kentucky Forest Management

12:50 PM: Panel Discussion

Event partners: Working Lands for Wildlife, Natural Resources Conservation Service, U.S. Forest Service, Society of American Foresters, The Wildlife Society, North Carolina Forest Service, American Bird Conservancy

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