



Virginia Forest Landowner Update

September 2014

Upcoming Events

- **September 5-7, Wakefield**
Fall Landowner Weekend Retreat – Registration closed
- **September 12, Waynesboro**
Waynesboro Tree Care Workshop
- **September 20, Lovingston**
Venture Outdoors Program
- **September 6, 13, 20, Roanoke**
Interpretive hikes at Explore Park
- **September 22 & 29, Warrenton or September 25 & October 2, Manassas**
The Woods in Your Backyard
- **September 25th, Lexington**
Virginia Master Naturalists Rockbridge Chapter Open House
- **September 29-30**
Northern Neck/Chesapeake Bay Fall Forestry & Wildlife Bus and Boat Tour
- **October 4, Madison**
Natural Hardwood Charcoal Making demonstration

Good morning Forest Update Subscribers,

There's something exciting about the fall. The other day, I was running on campus as the students were moving in. Washington Street was filled with parents, excited undergraduates, handcarts, and milk crates full of shoes. The Marching Virginians Drum Line was drumming loudly in front of Cassel Coliseum. Music was blaring as the sound system in Lane Stadium was tested. Honestly, my heart started pounding and I got goose bumps. Probably sensory overload, but I will call it excitement. Excitement about the upcoming school year, football season, cool weather, and, most of all, the fabulous forest education events we have scheduled for you!! Check out the sidebar or visit the [Events Calendar](#) for a complete listing.

Some forestry-related news items:

A study from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration reveals significant land cover changes in US Coastal regions. These changes included a loss of 1,563 square miles of wetlands, and a decline in total forest cover of 6.1%. Learn more about how forests and wetlands in coastal areas protect important areas, like the Chesapeake Bay, on our upcoming **Chesapeake Bay Fall forestry & Wildlife Bus and Boat Tour**, September 29-30.

Have you heard visited [About.com Forestry](#)? This website, maintained by forester Steve Nix, provides accurate and useful information on forestry topics. There are also corresponding [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) pages. In [this article](#) Steve highlights the 5 major southern yellow pines. You can learn more about the management and use of one of these species, loblolly

- **October 10**
Halifax County Fall Forestry & Wildlife Field tour
- **October 26, Montpelier Station**
Working Woods Walk
- **October 30**
Grayson/Carroll Counties Fall Forestry & Wildlife Field Tour
- **November 8, Warrenton**
Fields, Pastures, Creek Sides and...Trees: How Could it Work for You?

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pine, on our [Halifax County Fall Forestry & Wildlife Field Tour](#) October 10th.

While 4 of the 5 species of Southern yellow pine grow here in Virginia, we also have other native pines, including Table Mountain, pitch, pond and white. On our October 30th [Fall Forestry & Wildlife Field Tour in Grayson and Carroll Counties](#), we'll take an in-depth look at white pine management for lumber and the greenery industry. This tour will include a trip to a factory where Christmas wreaths and other decorations are made from the tips of young white pine.

VDOF tree nurseries seek public's help with acorn and seed collection. You can help preserve tree species by collecting acorns and seeds from 12 species and delivering them to the nearest VDOF office. Acorns and seeds must be received by October 10. "Generally, the best time to collect acorns is the last week in September through the first week of October," said Josh McLaughlin, nursery forester. Learn more at the [Virginia Department of Forestry's](#) website.

The summer edition of National Woodlands magazine is now available. [Read it here.](#)

Sometimes, watching my teenage daughters obsess over their phones, I get the urge to grab the devices and throw them in the trash. Youth today are used to being connected all the time. And I even feel that way often. So when no connectivity is available, I find it to be freeing. But no connectivity is becoming quite rare, as this article, [Wifi in the Woods](#) explains. Of course, if you like using your devices in the woods, check out VFLEP's [Mobile App page](#).

Don't forget, follow the Virginia Forest Landowner Education Program on Twitter ([@VFLEP](#)) and Facebook (www.facebook.com/VFLEP). Our trivia question for September will be posted at 9 a.m. 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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