



# Virginia Forest Landowner e-Update

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## Upcoming Events

### 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Woods & Wildlife Conference

- Date TBA, Culpeper
- Beginning Landowner Weekend Retreats
  - Appomattox, March 17-19
  - Abingdon, Summer 2017
  - Providence Forge, September 22-24

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Good morning Forest e-Update Subscribers,

I'm off this morning to lovely Madison Wisconsin for the annual **Society of American Foresters Convention**. But before I hit the road, I wanted to take a minute here to say a whole-hearted THANK YOU to everyone who came out to help us celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our **Fall Forestry & Wildlife Field Tours!** We had over 170 participants for the 4 Tours. It was an absolute joy seeing so much of our beautiful commonwealth and spending time with all of you.

The continued success of these tours can be attributed to you, the participants, our amazing partners, sponsors, speakers, as well as the lead tour organizers, Virginia Cooperative Extension's District Forestry & Wildlife Agents, Neil Clark, Adam Downing, Jason Fisher, and Bill Worrell. We could not do this without you and we look forward to working with everyone for another 40 years!

I'll be posting photos on the Virginia Forest Landowner Education Program's Facebook page shortly.

A few interesting natural resource items in the news of late:

1. **Tax Tips for Forest Landowners for the 2016 Tax Year** is now available from the USDA Forest Service. If you sold timber this year, this is a must read for you and your tax preparer.
2. **The USDA Forest Service and The Nature Conservancy successfully treat bats with white nose syndrome using volatile organic compounds emitted from a bacterium.**
3. **Researchers at Virginia Tech are looking at the DNA of 15/16 chestnut hybrids to develop a genetic model to predict blight resistance**

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We are busy working on landowner education programs for 2017!

Right now we have the following events scheduled:

**13<sup>th</sup> Annual Woods & Wildlife Conference**

- [Date](#) TBA, Culpeper

**2017 Beginning Landowner Weekend Retreats:**

- March 17-19, Central Virginia, Holiday Lake 4-H Educational Center, Appomattox
- Summer 2017, Southwest Virginia, SW VA 4-H Educational Center, Abingdon
- September 22-24, Southeast Virginia, New Kent Forestry Center, Providence Forge

More events will be posted when available on the **[Virginia Forest Landowner Education Program's Events Calendar](#)**.

Enjoy your fall!

Jennifer

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