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Featured Events

Preparing for Generation NEXT 2- Day Workshops

- July 19-20, Abingdon
- July 27-28, Lynchburg
- Apply on-line
- Apply by mail
 - Abingdon
 - Lynchburg

Preparing for Generation NEXT Mini-Workshops

- July 24, Brunswick County
- Aug. 2, Halifax County
- Aug. 9, Prince Edward County
- Aug. 21, Surry County
- Register on-line
- Register by mail

Tree Farm Dinners

- July 24, Freeman
- Aug. 23, Critz
- Aug. 30, Suffolk
- Sept. 20, Crozet (tentative)
- Register on-line

SW Virginia Beginning Woodland

Good morning Forest e-Update Subscribers,

I know summer is here because I have been eating blueberries by the bucketful for a couple of weeks now! So, even though I hate the heat, the unlimited blueberries make it tolerable.

Earlier this month, I shared a Facebook post about giant hogweed being found in Virginia. This, along with similar posts by partner organizations, spread rapidly, perhaps creating a bit of a panic and even more confusion. At this time, the only official report is from Clarke County where about 30 planted individuals were positively identified. Virginia Cooperative Extension and our partners are still trying to sort through all of the other information. So stay calm and stay tuned. Once we have verifiable information, I'll share that in this newsletter.

In the [summer edition of the Virginia Forest Landowner Update](#), we have articles on good critters (birds) and not so good critters (ticks). We also have many educational programs scheduled. Please join us for all that interest you!

In this issue:

- [Forest Management Practices for Birds](#)
By Ellen R. Powell, Virginia Department of Forestry

Forest landowners often have a financial need to manage their land for income, even if they would prefer to manage for birds and other wildlife. The good news is that the two goals don't have to be mutually exclusive. Forests can be managed in ways that benefit both the birds and the bottom line. [More...](#)

- [Old Dominion University Tick Research Team](#)

Owner Weekend Retreat

- August 17-19
- Abingdon
- Register on-line
- Register by mail

SE Virginia Beginning Woodland Owner Weekend Retreat

- September 21-23
- New Kent
- Registration opens July

Visit the [Events Calendar](#) for details!

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Virginia Sustainable Forestry Initiative State Implementation Committee

By: Sara Simmons, Alexis White, Laura Bitzer, and Holly Gaff, ODU

Old Dominion University has been known as a leader in tick research since Dr. Daniel Sonenshine arrived on campus in the early 1960's. The current ODU Tick Research Team has been conducting an active tick surveillance project since 2009 under the leadership of Drs. Holly Gaff and Wayne Hynes. We study everything about the ecology of ticks, including hosts, habitats and seasonal patterns. We also investigate the genetics of locally-collected ticks and the pathogens they may carry. From this, we can determine the origins of newly invading ticks and ask other questions about movement across the landscape. Our team includes students at all levels of study who gain hands-on research experience working with faculty members with expertise in mathematical ecology, mammalogy, avian ecology, micro- and molecular biology, and population genetics. [More...](#)

- [Events Calendar](#)
- [Full newsletter](#)

Upcoming Woodland Owner Events

Below is a sample of upcoming landowner education programs. For a complete listing visit the [Events Calendar](#).

Preparing for Generation NEXT

Learn how to pass your land, and your legacy, to the next generation, while keeping it intact, in family, and in forest. On-line and mail-in applications will be available later in May.

*All dates subject to change

Two-day workshops:

- July 19-20, [SW Virginia Higher Education Center](#) Abingdon
 - \$70 for up to 2 family members; \$35 for each additional family member
 - Includes materials, 2 lunches and 1 breakfast
- July 27-28, [Mountain Conference Center, Liberty University](#), Lynchburg

The American Tree Farm System

Virginia Forestry Association

Forest Stewardship Program

USDA Forest Service

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- \$50 for up to 2 family members; \$25 for each additional family member
- Includes materials, breakfast and lunch on Saturday
- Apply [on-line](#)
- Apply by mail
 - [Abingdon](#)
 - [Lynchburg](#)

Half-day workshops:

- July 24, Brunswick County, 1-5:00 p.m.
- Aug. 2, Halifax County, 2:30 – 7:00 p.m.
- Aug. 9, Prince Edward County, 1-5:00 p.m.
- Aug. 21, Surry County, 1-5:00 p.m.
- \$10/person (includes dinner at the Halifax location)
- Register [on-line](#)
- Register [by mail](#)

Tree Farm Dinners

These dinners are for current Tree Farmers and other interested landowners. Come learn what the Virginia Tree Farm Foundation is all about and tour an active Tree Farm. All dinners are \$10 per person, which includes your meal.

- July 24, Chrissy's Tree Farm, Freeman
- August 23, [Reynold's Homestead](#), Critz
- August 30, Kirk Lumber Company, Suffolk
- September 20, Middle Mountain Tree Farm, Crozet – tentative – registration will open in late July
- Register [on-line](#)
- Register by mail coming soon

Beginning Woodland Owner Weekend Retreats

New landowners and those new to woodland management, join VDOF and VCE for a weekend of classroom lectures, hands-on activities, and field trips that will help you get started with keeping your woods healthy and productive. On-site lodging is available.

- **SW Virginia**
 - August 17-19, 2018
 - [SW Virginia 4-H Center](#), Abingdon
 - Individual no lodging \$55
 - Individual lodging \$95

- Couple no lodging \$90
- Couple lodging \$170
- Registration includes 3 meals on Saturday and 2 on Sunday
- Register [on-line](#)
- Register [by mail](#)
- **SE Virginia**
 - September 21-23, 2018
 - [New Kent Forestry Center](#), Providence Forge
 - Registration opens in July

42nd Annual Fall Forestry & Wildlife Field Tours

Spend a lovely fall day in the woods with fellow woodland owners and natural resource professionals learning about active woodland and wildlife management practices.

- October 19 - Fluvanna/Goochland Counties
- October TBD - Tazewell/Buchanan Counties
- October TBD - Sussex/Southampton Counties
- Registration opens in August

For a full listing of events, visit the [Virginia Forest Landowner Education Program's Events Calendar](#).

I look forward to working with all of you!

Jennifer

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