

Virginia Forest Landowner e-Update

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Featured Events

Virginia Forestry Summit

- April 30 – May 3
- Norfolk
- [Agenda](#)
- [Register by mail or on-line](#)

Woodland Health Workshop

- May 3
- Norfolk
- [Register by mail or on-line](#)

Beginning Landowner Retreats

- May 16-18, Galax
 - [Register on-line](#)
 - [Register by mail](#)
- September 19-21, [Providence Forge](#)
 - Registration opens in July

10th Annual Vegetation Management Workshop

- May 16
- Colonial Heights
- Call 804-356-6457 to register

Preparing for Generation NEXT

- Aug. 2-3, Farmville
- September 27, Lebanon

Good morning Forest Landowner e-Update Subscribers,

I hope this April morning finds you well. It's finding me on a plane to the Bahamas, so all is well with me indeed! I'll try and make some time this week to explore the Caribbean pine forests on the Abacos Islands and search for some endemic birds such as the lovely [Bahama woodstar](#) and the [endangered Bahama parrot](#).

In non-vacation news, we're currently in the process of planning our annual [Generation NEXT](#) workshops – right now we have 3 on the calendar, and at least one more to come. If you are interested in passing your land and your land ethic to the next generation, these workshops are for you.

The annual Virginia Forestry Summit will be held in Norfolk April 30 – May 3rd. All foresters, loggers, and woodland owners are invited to attend. In conjunction with the Summit, on Friday, May 3rd, we'll be hosting a Woodland Health Workshop that will provide updates on existing forest health threats, information about new threats, and answers to the question "What's killing my oaks?". You do not need to attend the full Summit to participate in this workshop. Check out all the Summit [details here](#).

And, if you are so inclined, please see the note at the bottom of this e-mail from Iris Flynn, a PhD student in our College of Natural Resources and Environment. She has a short survey she'd like for woodland owners to participate in.

The Spring 2019 issue of the [Virginia Forest Landowner Update](#) is now available. In this issue:

- **Edge and Fragmentation**

- November 9, Providence Forge
- Registration opens 2 months prior to programs

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

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By Charles Fergus, from *Make a Home for Wildlife*

The area where two different stages of forest growth meet – or where two different ecological communities merge with each other – is called an “edge.” An edge can exist between a field and a stand of mature trees; where low-growing and older, taller trees merge; or where a woods road or a log landing interrupts the forest. An edge can occur between woodlands and wetlands, or woodlands and grasslands. Because two varieties of habitat intersect, a greater diversity of wildlife will often be found along an edge, compared to the two habitats by themselves. [More...](#)

- **You Ain’t From Around Here! Exotic Invasive of the Quarter: Asian Longhorned Beetle (*Anoplophora glabripennis*)**

By: Jennifer Gagnon, Virginia Tech

This robust and beautiful insect has not yet been identified in Virginia, although this doesn’t mean it isn’t here and causing damage. With this exotic invasive, early detection and eradication are KEY! [More...](#)

- [Calendar of Events](#)

Upcoming Landowner Education Programs:

[Virginia Forestry Summit – From Seedling to Stump: Forestry for Profit and Pleasure](#)

This program focuses on Virginia's forest markets, economy, policy, and inter-generational growth. Sessions will be led by subject-matter experts providing information on topics, issues, and ideas affecting the forestry community.

- April 30 – May 3
- From \$295
- [Sheraton Norfolk Waterside Hotel](#), Norfolk
- [Registration](#)

[Woodland Health Workshop: New Concerns, Old Concerns, Dying Oaks, and What We Can Do](#)

Healthy woods provide a myriad of economic and environmental benefits. Unfortunately, there are lots of

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things lurking out there that threaten the health of our woods. This workshop features experts who will detail emerging threats to look for, provide updates on existing threats, give answers to the question “what’s killing my oaks?”, and share advice for identification and control.

- May 3
- 9-2:00
- \$15 (includes lunch)
- [Sheraton Norfolk Waterside Hotel](#), Norfolk
- [Registration](#)

Beginning Landowner Retreats

These 1.5 day-long programs cover the basics of woodland and wildlife management – using classroom, field trip, and hands-on presentations. There will also be plenty of time to interact with natural resource professionals to get all your property-specific questions answered.

- May 16-18, [Galax](#)
 - [Register on-line](#)
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- September 19-21, [Providence Forge](#)
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10th Annual Vegetation Management Workshop

Visit the Keystone Truck and Tractor Museum and learn about nursery applications, innovations and tree improvement, participate in the glyphosate conversation, hear about coyotes in Virginia, learn about pine control & pre-commercial chemical thinning, and receive chemistry, trends and industry updates by herbicide suppliers, along with regulatory and safety updates.

- May 16
- 8:00 a.m.
- [Keystone Truck and Tractor Museum, Colonial Heights](#)
- \$40 – includes lunch
- Register by calling 804-356-6457

If you want to engage the youth in your family, nominate them to attend **Camp Woods & Wildlife**. **Camp Woods & Wildlife (formerly known as Holiday Lake Forestry Camp)** will be held June 17-22, at Holiday Lake 4-H Center near Appomattox. Open to boys and girls ages 13-16, this camp provides field-based learning experiences in forestry and wildlife. Campers explore career paths, make new friends, and learn from natural resource professionals in a beautiful outdoor setting. Nominations are open through April 26 and may be made by any adult not related to the student. For forms and information, visit www.dof.virginia.gov/forestry/camp/. Please contact Ellen Powell (ellen.powell@dof.virginia.gov) if you have any questions.

And, finally, if you are interested, here is the information on our student's survey:

My name is Iris Fynn, a PhD student in the Geospatial and Environmental Analysis program in Virginia Tech. My research focus is on the importance of riparian buffers as corridors that aid in the connectivity of landscape patches. Your response to these 4 questions (less than 2 minutes response time) will enhance the quality of my results and aid policy makers to make more effective land management decisions. [Survey link](#)

This survey is anonymous with no more than minimal risks to participants. Participants should be above 18 years old. This research has been reviewed and approved by the Virginia Tech Institutional Review Board ("IRB") with IRB number 19-301. You might talk to them at 540-231-3732 or irb@vt.edu if:

* You have questions about your rights as a research subject.

* Your questions, concerns, or complaints are not being answered by the research team.

* You cannot reach the research team.

* You want to talk to someone besides the research team to provide feedback about this research.

Participation is voluntary. Refusal to participate will involve no penalty or loss of benefits to which the subject is otherwise entitled. The subject may

discontinue participation at any time without penalty or loss of benefits to which the subject is otherwise entitled. Dr. Jim Campbell is the Lead investigator and can be reached via email: jayhawk@vt.edu. Iris Fynn is the co-investigator and I can be reached via email: irisfynn@vt.edu. Thank you.

Hope to see you out and about!

Jennifer

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