

# Virginia Forest Landowner e-Update

Spring 2020

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## Featured Events

### Virtual Woods Walk – Selling Your Timber

- Wednesday April 15
- [Join us at 12:00](#) or [join us at 7:00](#)
- Free
- Presented by: Adam Downing, Jennifer Gagnon & Bill Worrell

### **Fifteen Minutes in the Forest**

12 – 12:15 p.m. on Zoom – links to individual sessions will be posted [here](#) one week in advance.

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### Woodland Stewards Webinar Series

Good morning Forest Landowner e-Update Subscribers, I hope everyone is doing well and staying safe. All of our spring in-person programs have been cancelled or postponed. This saddens me greatly because the absolute best part of my job is being out in the woods/classroom with you all. Sitting in my office (i.e., my dining room) is not nearly as fun or rewarding.

That being said, I'm using this time to update some of our older Extension publications and hope to have them all available to you later this year. I'm also finishing up our brand new Generation NEXT workbook. It will hit the streets this fall!!

The Spring 2020 Virginia Forest Landowner Update Newsletter is also available now. See below for details.

Like many of you, I am extremely grateful to be fortunate enough to have land I can explore while still technically staying at home. We are also fortunate that we live in a time when there are abundant on-line educational resources available for those with good internet connectivity. After the newsletter, I have listed some stay-at-home e-events worth checking out.

### **In the Spring 2020 Edition of the Virginia Forest Landowner Update:**

#### [Is Forest Farming for you?](#)

By: Benjamin Addlestone and John Munsell, Virginia Tech

Forest farming is an agroforestry practice that involves cultivating herbal, edible, decorative, and handcraft products under a forest canopy that is modified or maintained to provide shade levels and habitat that favor growth and enhance production. These products are called non-timber forest products (NTFPs). They are the plants, parts of plants, fungi, and other biological

Now available for at-home viewing!

### **Summer 2020 On-line Woodland Options for Landowners**

- On-line from the comfort of your home
- June 1
- [Syllabus](#)
- Register [on-line](#)
- Register [by mail](#)

### **Beginning Woodland Owner Retreats**

- Galax
  - [Matthews State Forest](#)
  - August 6-8
- Providence Forge
  - [New Kent Forestry Center](#)
  - September 25-26
- [On-line registration](#) opens 2 months prior to event

### **Longleaf Pine Landowner Field Day**

- Fall 2020
- [Airfield 4-H Educational Center](#), Wakefield

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

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material that are harvested from natural, manipulated, or disturbed forests and used for commercial or personal purposes. [More...](#)

### **You Ain't From Around Here! Exotic Invasive of the Quarter: Japanese Knotweed (*Polygonum cuspidatum*) Part 1**

By: Jennifer Gagnon, Virginia Tech

I've written about some pretty amazing (in a bad way) exotic invasives before – giant hogweed, wild hogs, and hydrilla come to mind. But Japanese knotweed stands alone. There's so much to share that this article will be broken into 2 parts. Part 1 will cover the history, pros and cons, reproduction, and a tale of madness and murder. Part 2 (in the Summer 2020 issue) will cover identification, control, and a tale of revenge. [More...](#)

### **Events Calendar**

View the [entire newsletter here](#).

**Upcoming stay-at-home e-vents** (these should keep you busy until May!)

### **April 1, 1:00 - Birds and Butterflies in Your Backyard (kid-friendly)** – free webinar

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## Virginia Department of Forestry

Learn about cost-share programs, forest management options, buy seedlings, and find your local forester.

## Virginia Sustainable Forestry Initiative State Implementation Committee

## Virginia Tree Farm Foundation

## Virginia Forestry Association

## Forest Stewardship Program

## USDA Forest Service

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## Virginia's Forest Resources YouTube Channel

[2020 Woodland Stewards Webinar Series](#) – free on-demand webinars

- [Woodland Management : What is Right for You and Your Woodland?](#)
- [Understanding the Financial Aspects of Woodland Management](#)
- [More Than Timber: Opportunities for Non-timber Forest Products](#)
- [Launching Your Woodland Legacy: Intact, in Forest, and in Family Ownership](#)

[The Forestry Webinar Portal](#) – free live and on-demand webinars

### Available now on demand

- [Pretty but Pungent: The Curious Case of the Callery Pear](#)
- [Emerald Ash Borer Update](#)
- [Jewels of the Night: Conservation of Fireflies in the U.S. and Canada](#)
- [Oak Decline in the United States](#)

### Live:

- April 8, 1:00 - [Laurel Wilt Biology, Monitoring, and Management](#)

- April 14, 1:00 – [Non-timber Forest Products in the United States: Access, Production, Markets, and Market Values](#)
- June 11, 10:00 – [Tips for Choosing the Right Yard Tree](#)
- July 27, 10:00 – [Tree Identification Procedures](#)

#### **PA Forests Web Seminar Center** – free live webinars

- April 14, 12:00 & 7:00 – [Is it Time to Harvest your Timber? How do you Know?](#)
- May 12, 12:00 & 7:00 – [The Sustainable Timber Harvest](#)

#### **Prescribed Fire Learning Opportunities**

- [EFIRE](#) – Immerse yourself in a prescribed fire experience! free on-demand
- [Introduction to Southeastern Prescribed Fire](#)

#### **Penn State Extension Forest Management Classes** – on demand

- [Understanding Forests: Education for the General Public](#) - \$79
- [Woodland Stewardship: Management Practices for Landowners](#) - \$119
- [Forest Taxation: Forest Finance and Timber Tax Education](#) - \$160

#### **In person events – later this year**

#### **Beginning Woodland Owner Retreats**

These entry-level programs cover the basics of keeping your woods and wildlife healthy and productive, while working towards meeting your ownership goals. A combination of classroom, field trip, and hands-on activities are used to explore these concepts of sustainability. Registration fees include 5 meals, all materials, and transportation to the field trip. On-site lodging is also available if desired.

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### **Fall Forestry & Wildlife Field Tours**

- October
- Details coming

Hope I'm able to see everyone soon!

Jennifer

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