

Virginia Forest Landowner e-Update

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Featured Events

Fifteen Minutes in the Forest

- Live at noon on Fridays!
- [July 10 – A nature walk](#)
- [July 17 - Virginia's Big Tree Program](#)
- [July 24 - Using the cut stump method](#)
- [July 31 - Other methods of herbicide application](#)

[Watch archived on our YouTube Channel.](#)

Virtual Generation NEXT

- 4 sessions
- Live from 3:00-4:30 p.m. on:
- Wednesday September 16
- Thursday September 17
- Wednesday September 23
- Thursday September 24
- [On-line registration will](#)

Good morning Forest Update Subscribers,

Summer is finally here, but just barely. Southwest Virginia has been remarkably cool and wet. In fact, what little fruit survived the two late May freezes is very slow to mature. My blueberries (the few that are out there) are just starting to ripen - they are usually completely done by mid-June. But what a year for peas, cabbage, and broccoli! And the cicadas have finally quieted down after four weeks of intense singing.

While things are slowly returning to some semblance of normalcy, we are still awaiting guidance regarding in-person Extension programming. You'll see below we have a Retreat scheduled in late September and have started planning the Fall Forestry & Wildlife Field Tours. These in-person events all remain tentative for now. But we do have a virtual Generation NEXT Program scheduled for September, and the Woods & Wildlife Conferences are going virtual as well (at least for 2021). Going virtually allows us to offer these programs state-wide and we can accommodate up to 500 people per event. The registration fee is much lower and you don't have to travel. Exciting!

In the meantime, the [Summer 2020 edition of the Virginia Forest Landowner Update](#) is available. In this edition:

Summer Fun in the Forest

By Page Hutchinson, Virginia Department of Forestry

Kids bored? Or driving you nuts? Trying to beat the heat? Getting out in the woods can solve all these problems!

I suggest you take a bucket with you for holding some equipment for investigating. Five-gallon buckets from home improvement stores are a perfect size and are durable. They can be bought for less than \$5. Or recycle a five-gallon bucket

open in late July.

Beginning Woodland Owner Retreats

- Providence Forge
- [New Kent Forestry Center](#)
- September 25-26
- [On-line registration](#) opens 2 months prior to event

Forestry & Wildlife Field Tours

- October
- Clarke/Warren
- Gloucester
- SW Virginia
- Central Virginia

- Details coming soon!

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Calendar for details!

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from a paint or drywall project. And you can turn it over and use it as a seat.

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You Ain't From Around Here! Exotic Invasive of the Quarter: Japanese Knotweed (*Polygonum cuspidatum*) Part 2

By: Jennifer Gagnon, Virginia Tech

As you may recall from the [Spring edition of the Virginia Forest Landowner Update](#), Japanese knotweed is an herbaceous bamboo-like perennial native to Japan, China and Korea. This species is infamous for the high levels of ecological and economic damage it causes worldwide.

[Read more...](#)

Virginia Urban Wood Newsletter Debuts!

In late April, the Virginia Urban Wood Group published the first edition of the VA Urban Wood e-Newsletter. The newsletter is distributed every other month and features urban wood and small woodlot management news complete with links to expanded stories. Also included are updates from the Virginia Department of Forestry's Urban Wood program. This newsletter serves a wide-ranging audience from those who live in municipalities to the thousands of Virginia woodland landowners who own small parcels of forest land.

[Read more...](#)

Events Calendar

View the [entire newsletter here](#).

Upcoming (mostly) stay-at-home events

Fifteen Minutes in the Forest

Live at noon on Fridays!

- [July 10 - Take a nature walk with Karen Snape](#)
- [July 17 - Learn about Virginia's Big Tree Program with Bill Worrell and Eric Wiseman](#)
- [July 24 - Jennifer Gagnon will demonstrate how to apply herbicides using the cut stump method](#)

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- [July 31 - Explore other methods of herbicide application with Adam Downing](#)

[Or watch archived on our YouTube Channel.](#)

[Virtual Generation NEXT](#)

Our award-winning legacy planning program is going virtual. Join experienced legacy planning professionals from across Virginia live on Zoom, or on your own time, to learn how to pass your land on to the next generation while keeping it intact, in forest, in family. This program will be comprised of 4 sessions held live from 3-4:30 p.m. on:

- Wednesday September 16
- Thursday September 17
- Wednesday September 23
- Thursday September 24

Registration will be \$40/family for all 4 sessions. You will receive several books including a copy of our **brand new** Legacy Planning for Virginia Landowners book! Registration will open in late July.

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

[PA Forests Web Seminar Center](#) – free live webinars

[Penn State Extension Forest Management Classes](#) – on demand

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

[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. **We will**

determine if we can hold this program in-person mid-July, depending on state and VCE guidance.

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Fall Forestry & Wildlife Field Tours

Spend the day outdoors learning about active forestry and wildlife management practices with fellow woodland owners and natural resource professionals. **We will determine if we can hold this program in-person mid-August, depending on state and VCE guidance.**

- October
 - Clarke/Warren
 - Gloucester
 - SW Virginia
 - Central Virginia
- Details coming soon!

Hope I'm able to see everyone in the near future.

Jennifer

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