

Virginia Forest Landowner e-Update

June 2020

Featured Events

Fifteen Minutes in the Forest

12 – 12:15 p.m. on Zoom

- June 5 - SW VA Tree ID Walk
- June 12 - Femelschlag for Oaks
- June 19 - Piedmont Tree ID
- June 26 - Lichens
- July 10 - A Nature Walk
- July 17 - The Big Tree Program
- Join us here

Summer 2020 On-line Woodland Options for Landowners

- June 1 - August 21
- \$45/family
- Syllabus
- Register by mail
- Register on-line

Registration closes June 5 at noon

Virginia Forestry Summit

- August 11-4
- Hotel Madison, Harrisonburg

Good morning Forest Landowner e-Update Subscribers,

Happy June woodland owners. I would never have guessed that I would be writing a third e-update from my dining room, but here we are. It's been a challenging spring in many ways, including the late freezes we had in the western portion of Virginia last month. For the first time ever, we dug up tomato plants from the garden and moved them to the greenhouse for a couple of days. I'm happy to report they are back in the garden, albeit a bit worse for the wear. Unfortunately, we lost our plum, nectarine, pear, and apple crops. The blueberries took a hit, but it looks like I'll still have some to pick in a few weeks.

There have also been a couple of positive take-aways this spring. First, I've repeatedly been pushed outside my comfort zone and forced to learn new skills. For example, not only have I participated in many webinars on making good videos, I now know what a gimbal is and how to use one. I wake up in the middle of the night with video scripts for cut-stump herbicide application in my head. Second, the wonderful team of Extension foresters I work with has never worked so closely before. It's been nice seeing everyone on Zoom on a regular basis and generating new ideas and energy.

We are in the process of converting the Preparing for Generation NEXT legacy transition workshops to a state-wide virtual format. Details will be available in the July e-Update. And our long-awaited, Virginia-specific, Generation NEXT companion publication, called Legacy Planning for Virginia Woodland Owners: Intact, in Family, and In Forest, is about to go through peer-review and will be ready in time for the virtual workshops.

- Registration will open June 10

Beginning Woodland Owner Retreats

- Galax*
 - Matthews State Forest
 - August 6-8
- Providence Forge*
 - New Kent Forestry Center
 - September 25-26
- On-line registration will open in mid-June if in-person events will be allowed.

Visit the Events Calendar for details!

*Pending COVID19 developments

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In the spirit of always being an optimist, I have scheduled a few in-person events for late this summer and have begun discussions regarding the Fall Forestry & Wildlife Field Tours. We will make a final determination on whether or not to offer these programs following the Governor's and VCE's emerging guidance.

As I've been doing, I'm featuring a number of on-line learning opportunities for you this summer. For a full schedule of events, visit the [VFLEP Event Calendar](#).

Join Virginia Cooperative Extension on Fridays for Fifteen Minutes in the Forest - video presentations on woodland topics. All sessions will be [broadcast live on Zoom](#) from 12-12:15 p.m., and available afterwards on our [YouTube Channel](#) in the Fifteen Minutes in the Forest playlist.

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Watch archived videos at your leisure on the [Virginia Forest Landowner Update Facebook Channel](#) (and please subscribe!)

Nutrien Solutions Annual Vegetation Management Workshop

CFE's, SHARP LOGGER, ISA Credits, and pesticide recertification for the states of Virginia, WV and NC will be provided for this event.

- June 4
- 9 - 3:45
- On-line via Zoom
- Free

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- [Register on-line](#)

Blue Ridge PRISM Invasive Plant Workshop

- June 20 - [Zoom](#)

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

Learn the basics of woodland management on your own time and at your own pace. Reading assignments and hands-on activities will lead you through the steps of developing a woodland management plan. Registration fee includes an optional, hands-on, in-person field trip - date to be determined. Registration will close June 5 at noon.

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The Forestry Webinar Portal – free live and on-demand webinars

Live

- June 11, 12:00- [Woodland Owner Lunch and Learn: Land Ownership, Liability, and the Law](#)
- June 25, 12:00 - [Woodland Owner Lunch and Learn: Creating and Maintaining Upland Habitat](#)
- July 27, 10:00 – [Tree Identification Procedures](#)

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. **A final determination of whether or not to hold these will be made in mid-June.**

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 - September 25-26

Virginia Forestry Summit

Join fellow woodland owners and natural resource professionals for a full schedule of networking, social, and educational opportunities in lovely Harrisonburg.

- August 11-4
- Hotel Madison, Harrisonburg
- [Registration will open June 10](#)

Timber Cruise Workshop

Learn how volume and value are calculated for stands of timber. This workshop will provide you with hands-on experience creating and implementing a timber cruise on your property.

- August 14
- 9 - 3:45
- Hotel Madison, Harrisonburg
- \$25 (lunch included)
- [Registration will open June 10th](#)


Fall Forestry & Wildlife Field Tours

- October
- Details coming soon

Hope I'm able to see everyone soon!

Jennifer

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