

# Virginia Forest Landowner e-Update

September  
2020

## Featured Events

### Fifteen Minutes in the Forest

12 – 12:15 p.m. on [Zoom](#)

- Sept. 11 - Protecting Water Quality During a Timber Harvest
- Sept. 18 - Clearcut Life
- Sept. 25 - Aging Whitetail Deer by the Tooth
- Oct. 2 - Forest Pests: Fall Edition
- Oct. 9 - Tree Pruning Basics
- Oct. 16 - Spruce-fir Forests
- [Join us live here](#)

### Legacy Planning Webinar Series

- Sept. 16, 17, 23, & 24
- \$40/family (includes a copy of our BRAND NEW book - *Legacy Planning: A Guide for Virginia Landowners*)
- Register [on-line](#)
- Register [by mail](#)

Good morning Forest Landowner e-Update Subscribers,

September is here. The gardens are winding down. Fall yard cleanups are underway. And while you may be tempted to clean out those pollinator gardens that are starting to look a little ragged, I urge you to wait until late March to do so. They may look rough to us, but they look like dinner to many species of seed-eating insects and birds. They also look like a fine place for certain pollinators to lay eggs and for others to take cover during harsh winter weather. Waiting until late March ensures that new food sources are coming on-line and that eggs have hatched. And the late-blooming goldenrod provides a wonderful source of much-needed food this time of year. When March comes around, cleanup of dead materials is fairly quick and easy. And it is oh-so satisfying when the first blooms of the year begin. My pollinator gardens are far and away my favorite (and easiest) additions to the yard.

Learn more about creating and maintaining pollinator gardens:

<https://dwr.virginia.gov/wp-content/uploads/habitat-gardening.pdf>

<https://www.fs.fed.us/wildflowers/pollinators/gardening.shtml>

<https://xerces.org/pollinator-conservation/habitat-restoration/management>

<http://www.pollinatorconservationassociation.org/the-doug-tallamy-page.html>

<https://hgic.clemson.edu/factsheet/pollinator-gardening/>

<https://youtu.be/6zJb0tq15U0>

I'm happy to announce that, in the absence of new COVID-19 restrictions, we are planning to offer our [Fall Forestry & Wildlife Field Tours](#) in person this October. We have four scheduled! We will be adhering to all CDC, VDH, and VCE safety protocols to ensure everyone has a safe, enjoyable,

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

- October 2 - Halifax Co.
- Oct. 9 - Carroll/Grayson Cos.
- Oct. 16 - Clarke Co.
- Oct. 23 - King William Co.
- Register [on-line](#)
- Register by mail coming later this week.

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

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and educational experience. Registration will be limited, so please register early. If circumstances change, or you change your mind, full refunds will be issued. [On-line registration](#) is open and mail in will be available very soon.

Join the [Generation NEXT Team in September to learn the 9 steps to successful legacy planning. They will be covered in a 4-part webinar series Sept. 16, 17, 23 & 24](#). Registration is only \$40 for your entire family (even if they are scattered far and wide) and includes a copy of our brand new 56-page full-color book *Legacy Planning: A Guide for Virginia Landowners*. Registration deadline is September 4 at 5:00 p.m., so register now - time is running short.

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### **Additional landowner education events**

For a full schedule of events, visit the [VFLEP Event Calendar](#).

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

These day-long tours will show you active woodland and wildlife management practices on public and privately-owned lands. Each tour will be held at one location. Each location will feature four stops focused on different management topics (i.e., wildlife, pine management, hardwood management, etc.).

- [Save the date flier](#)
- October 2, Halifax County - Ward Burton Wildlife Foundation, Halifax
- October 9, Carroll and Grayson Counties - Matthews State Forest, Galax
- October 16, Clarke County - Blandy Experimental Farm, Boyce
- October 23, King William County - Sandy Point State Forest, West Point
- \$25/person; \$40/couple - includes lunch
- Register by mail coming later this week
- Register [on-line](#)

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\* The tours will be 100% outdoors. Registration will be limited to ensure adequate physical distancing. All attendees will drive their personal vehicles - no transportation will be offered. Hand washing and/or sanitizing supplies will be made available. Boxed lunches will be provided.

Join Virginia Cooperative Extension on Fridays for **Fifteen Minutes in the Forest** - video presentations on woodland/outdoor topics.

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

Nonnative invasive plants are quickly overwhelming many properties by tearing down the forest canopy and overtaking native plants at the tree, shrub, and/or understory levels. Understanding what invasive plants exist on the landscape and what it takes to control them can often feel overwhelming. [Blue Ridge PRISM's workshops](#) will enable you to confidently identify and manage invasive plants.

- 1-4:00
- \$10
- Zoom
- September 29 - [Register](#)
- October 7 - [Register](#)
- October 22 - [Register](#)

**[The Forestry Webinar Portal](#)** – free webinars

- September 16, 12:00 - [Woodland Owner Lunch and Learn: Seedling Genetics and Soil Fertility - Know What you are Planting and How to Care for it.](#)

Hope I'm able to see everyone soon!  
Jennifer

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