

Featured Events

Fifteen Minutes in the Forest

- Moved to an every-other week schedule!
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- October 1 – A Tour of Maple Trees
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Field Trip for Online Woodland Options Participants

- Nov. 13 [James Madison's Montpelier](#)
- e-mail jgagnon@vt.edu to register (OWO participants only please)

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Good morning Forest Update Subscribers,

I love Virginia for so many reasons. And fall is definitely one of them. Cool crisp mornings, sunny, dry afternoons, clear star-filled skies (and dark by 9 p.m. so I can actually enjoy the stars before going to bed), the brilliant red leaves of poison ivy and Virginia creeper, and that sad but lovely sense of nostalgia that this time of year brings. It is truly a magical time of year to be outdoors. I've posted a photo of the sunrise over the farm this morning on the [VFLEP Facebook page](#)

Another part of Virginia that I love is the landowners. I said it last month, and I'll say it again. Being at in-person events with those of you who love your land and are working to be good stewards fills my heart with joy. And we still have quite a few opportunities for you to join us for an in-person event this fall. Please see below for details.

It's also time for the [Fall edition of the Virginia Forest Landowner Update](#). In this edition:

- [Forests that Work for Landowners and Wildlife](#)
By: Ben Larson, Ruffed Grouse Society & America Woodcock Society

Family forest owners are familiar with the ways that working forests benefit wildlife. Active forest management creates different types of habitats needed by many types of wildlife, particularly forest birds. For example, the wood thrush nests in mature forests, but take their fledglings to young forests for food. Golden-winged warblers nest in young forests or shrubby stands and often take their fledglings to middle-aged stands. Ruffed grouse and American woodcock also need both young forests and older forests in close proximity to one another. [Read more...](#)

- [Beech Leaf Disease Found in Virginia](#)
By: Lori Chamberlin, Virginia Department of Forestry

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The last thing Virginia needed was another tree disease, but it arrived nonetheless. Beech leaf disease (BLD) has been confirmed in Virginia. This disease affects our native American beech trees and can cause tree mortality after several years, mostly in smaller trees. Plantings of other beech species such as European, Oriental, and Chinese beech are also susceptible. [Read more...](#)

And a couple of other article that may be of interest:

- [Ailanthus Control Methods](#)
- [As summer wanes, fawns lose their spots](#)

Featured Programs:

Registrants who provide a current e-mail address will receive a confirmation e-mail one week prior to the program occurring.

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Field Trip for Online Woodland Options Participants

We are happy to finally be able to offer a hands-on, in-person capstone field trip for participants in the Online Woodland Options for Landowners classes. Registration is free – but you must be a current or past Online Woodland Options student. Topics will include tree identification, measuring and valuing

trees, and a tour of active woodland management practices.

- November 13 - [James Madison's Montpelier](#) (Saturday date!)
- 9-3 – lunch provided
- Agenda
- e-mail jgagnon@vt.edu to register

Beginning Woodland Owner Retreats

Join the Virginia Department of Forestry and Virginia Cooperative Extension for these 1.5 day immersive experiences into sustainable woodland and wildlife management. A combination of indoor presentation, hands-on activities, and field trips make these educational and fun.

Central Virginia

- October 22-23
- [Holiday Lake 4-H Educational Center](#), Appomattox
- [Register online](#)
- [Register by mail](#)
- [Agenda](#)


45th Annual Fall Forestry & Wildlife Field Tours

- October 14 - Cumberland County
- October 19 – Sussex County
- October 27 – Botetourt/Rockbridge Counties
- \$25/person; \$40/couple – includes lunch
- If you are a k-12 teacher, we have full scholarships available for you! E-mail jgagnon@vt.edu for details
- [Register online](#)
- [Tour details and mail-in registration](#)

Upcoming Webinars from our colleagues:

- Oct. 12, 2:00 - [Managing Mesopredator Populations to Benefit Native Prey: Exploring Controversies and Potential Solutions](#)
- Oct. 20, 1:00 - [Thousand Cankers Disease](#)
- Oct. 26, 1:00 – [Managing Bottomland Hardwoods](#)
- Many other topics on demand at the [Forestry Webinar Portal](#)

Enjoy the fall!



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