



New York Forest Owners Association

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May 5- 6 - Spring Migration Festival at Great Swamp Conservancy, Canastota from from 10 AM - 4 PM each day -- See greatswampconservancy.org

May 8 - Pennsylvania Forests Web Seminar Center has a scheduled presentation that may be of interest to NY forest owners

Topic: Woodland Enterprise Development

Date: Tuesday, May 8, 2018

Times: noon to 1:00 PM and 7 to 8 p.m., eastern time.

Presentation URL (for both times): <https://meeting.psu.edu/PAForestWeb/>

Summary: Removing invasive plants, promoting regeneration, and other practices top the needed activities for improving woodland health and function. For many landowners, there is sometimes difficulty in finding someone to do the improvement work—especially for owners of smaller acreages. Recently, the idea of small businesses generating products from small-diameter or poor quality wood has gained traction. This webinar will focus on new ways of think about getting work done in the woods, focusing on small business development around restorative forestry services and value-added products. Presented by Leslie Horner, Forest Stewardship Program Associate, Center for Private Forests at Penn State.

June 2 - NY State Forestry Field Day to be held Morrisville College from around 8 am - 3 pm... An all day event including a certified Tree Farm Forest Stewardship Workshop and many other events. **More details on page 3** or contact Walt Friebel at 315-202-4027 or check www.nytreefarm.org

September 9 (Sunday) - **ANNUAL PICNIC** planned

We are happy to announce Dave Marzolf has offered to let us have our picnic and woods walk on his large property in Williamstown. DETAILS to follow later in the summer.

At the state NYFOA meeting in April, CNY -NYFOA announced Carl Stearns as the Winner of the 2017 CNY Chapter Service Award ---

**CONGRATULATIONS Carl & THANKS for all your contributions to CNY-NYFOA
(and for delicious maple syrup)**

Carl can't remember when he joined NYFOA, but he has been a member for many years with indispensable help and support from his wife of 50 years, Susan B. Stearns. His family, starting with his father, has taken timber to the sawmill for use on the farm and made maple syrup since the 1950s. They are working with their **fifth** DEC forester.



Dan Zimmerman presenting Carl with his award

The NYFOA state-wide meeting in April is a good place to catch up on what is going on in the woods around New York . If you missed it, you should check the state-wide NYFOA website to see events occurring across the state, some sponsored by other chapters ---see www.nyfoa.org/events

Many woods walks and other events are open to anyone interested so it is worth checking regularly!

The Wetlands program that Dan put together at the Great Swamp Conservancy on April 13 was well-attended by foresters and NYFOA members who heard speakers talk about regulations for working in wetlands from the perspective and rules of the Army Corps of Engineers, the NY State Department of Environmental Conservation, NY mitigation banking as well as wetland restoration and creation in accordance with those regulations. We also heard about how to recognize and designate wetlands based on the presence of plants that are only or mostly found in wetlands...Then we walked around the Conservancy property finding many of those FACW (facultative wetland plants)...



2018 NYS Tree Farm Field Day Agenda

Saturday June 2, 2018

Morrisville State College, State Route 20, Morrisville, NY

Who should attend: NY Tree Farm Program participants, forest and farm woodlot owners, wildlife enthusiasts, students and interested individuals.

8-8:30am

Arrive

Sign-In, Refreshments and Informational Tables
Charlton Hall

8:30-8:45

Introductions, Current Tree Farm Membership, 2015-2020 Tree Farm Standards, Thoughts of Upcoming 2020-2025 Tree Farm Stewardship Standards

Chris Prentis, Lower Hudson Forestry Service, NYTF Chair, NYTF Advisory Board-Area 1

8:45-9:15

Invasive Species Management and EQIP Funding Opportunities

Chris Tcimpidis, Bevan Forestry

9:15-9:45

Black Walnut in NY – Planting Gold Seeds to Reap Gold Nuggets

Chris Tcimpidis, Bevan Forestry

9:45-10:15

A Day in the Life of a Consulting Forester

Rod Jones, Northeast Timber Services, NYTF Secretary, NYSTF Advisory Board-Area 6

10:15-10:55

Turkeys- A Special Jewel in Your Tree Farm

Doug Little, Conservationist and Kaylee Resha, Wildlife Biologist, National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTf)

10:55-11:15

Break

Refreshments, Information Tables

11:15am-12:45pm

Ticks and Lyme Disease- A Thorough Look at an Ever-growing Threat

Dr. Carmen Greenwood, Dept. of Fisheries, Wildlife and Environmental Sciences, SUNY Cobleskill
Theresa Oellrick, RN, Otsego County Dept. of Health

12:45-1:30

Restoring the American Chestnut- Light At The End of the Tunnel

Allen Nichols, President & District 4 Director, NY Chapter- The American Chestnut Foundation

1:30-2:15

Lunch

2:30

Educational forest tour/woodswalk – well-informed forest owners = more profitable tree farms.

Topics include: Evaluating forest types, efficiency in timber plot set-up, and property lines and boundaries.

Questions? Contact Planning Committee Chair Walt Friebe (315) 202-4027



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Spring is a favorite time for seeing birds in your woods....the leaves are smaller and less dense and the birds are full of high spirits...

Depending on the successional stage of your woods, here are some of the birds that may appear in your woods at some time in the next few months

The following table is from " *Wildlife and Forestry in NY Northern Hardwoods : A Guide for Forest Owners and Managers* " published by Audubon New York.

The full document is available at on the NYFOA website at <https://www.nyfoa.org/resources>

Table 1.1. Bird species assigned to groups based on habitat preference for mature forests versus early-successional forests or with no preference (general).

Forest Habitat Groups		
<u>Early Successional</u>	<u>General</u>	<u>Mature</u>
Alder Flycatcher	American Crow	Black-capped Chickadee
American Goldfinch	Baltimore Oriole	Blue-headed Vireo
American Redstart	Blue Jay	Blackburnian Warbler
American Robin	Common Grackle	Brown Creeper
Black and White Warbler	Dark-eyed Junco	Black-throated Blue Warbler
Brown-headed Cowbird	Downy Woodpecker	Black-throated Green Warbler
Canada Warbler	Eastern Phoebe	Eastern Wood Pewee
Cedar Waxwing	Evening Grosbeak	Golden-crowned Kinglet
Chipping Sparrow	Great-crested Flycatcher	Hairy Woodpecker
Common Yellowthroat	Hooded Warbler	Hermit Thrush
Chestnut-sided Warbler	Nashville Warbler	Least Flycatcher
Eastern Bluebird	Northern Parula	Ovenbird
Eastern Towhee	Northern Waterthrush	Red-eyed Vireo
Field Sparrow	Pine Siskin	Scarlet Tanager
Gray Catbird	Pine Warbler	Swainson's Thrush
House Wren	Pileated Woodpecker	White-breasted Nuthatch
Indigo Bunting	Prairie Warbler	Winter Wren
Magnolia Warbler	Purple Finch	Wood Thrush
Mourning Dove	Red-breasted Nuthatch	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
Mourning Warbler	Red-bellied Woodpecker	
Northern Flicker	Tree Swallow	
Olive-sided Flycatcher	Warbling Vireo	
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	Wild Turkey	
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	Yellow-billed Cuckoo	
Ruffed Grouse	Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	
Red-winged Blackbird	Yellow-rumped Warbler	
Song Sparrow	Yellow-throated Vireo	
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White-throated Sparrow		
Yellow Warbler		



Common toothwort - *Cardamine concatenata* (which used to be called *Dentaria concatenata* or *Dentaria lancianata*) is easy to overlook in the woods, until it blooms...at this time of year, and then the masses can be quite grand sight.

Meanwhile the early blooming bloodroot, *Sanguinaria canadensis* after losing its big white flowers is still a pretty, but less dramatic part of the understory. It can spread widely by ant dispersal and surprise you where it shows up



Some abstracts of other tree research from just the past month of Top Environment News

Trees are not as 'sound asleep' as you may think

<https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2018/04/180420122841.htm>

'Rip Van Winkle' plants hide underground for up to 20 years

<https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2018/04/180419130935.htm>

Cities and communities in the US losing 36 million trees a year

<https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2018/04/180418141323.htm>

Root exudates affect soil stability, water repellency - Research digs into delicate plant, soil interactions

<https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2018/04/180418092033.htm>

Warming climate could speed forest regrowth in eastern US

<https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2018/04/180416185629.htm>

Tree rings provide vital information for improved climate predictions

<https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2018/04/18041111058.htm>

Greener and cheaper technique for biofuel production

<https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2018/04/180406100547.htm>

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We are still looking for a volunteer for the Vice Chairman position.
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