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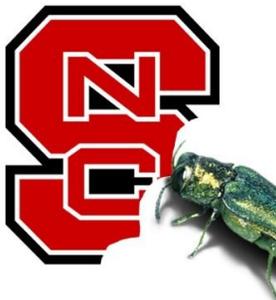
Emerald Ash Borer Fact Sheet

Check out our new fact sheet on the invasive forest pest, the emerald ash borer. The emerald ash borer is a devastating invasive beetle that has already killed millions of ash trees in the US. First detected in North Carolina in 2013, it has already spread to 61 of our 100 counties, making it one of the fastest spreading invasive forest pests our state has ever seen. [Visit the fact sheet](#) to learn more about the biology, identification, management, and more of emerald ash borer and save your ash.



Timber Income in NC

In North Carolina, timberland covers over half of the land in the state, making it the main land-use type. Our recent publication explains how timber harvests in 2019 grew considerably in North Carolina. Discover details and further data by [reading our publication now](#). For county-wide stumpage and delivered values of timber harvests, visit the [2019 Timber Income Data](#).



Forest Health Workshops

This month NC Forest Health is bringing you two webinars all about invasive species, bark beetles, and further valuable forest health issues featuring various speakers. The first workshop on February 11th focuses on Eastern NC forest health issues while the second on February 18th focuses on Western NC forest health issues. Find out more on the NC Forest Health's [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) pages. Find both workshop's registration links in our Coming Events section below.



Tax Resources for Woodland Owners

We have compiled a page on economics and taxes to help you best prepare for and navigate this year's tax season. Our taxes page has helpful links to websites, publications, tips, and more for woodland owners. Take advantage of our resources by checking out our [Economics and Taxes page](#) now.

Pine Sawtimber Prices in North Carolina Rebounded to the Pre-COVID Level

Despite the impending COVID-19 global pandemic, both housing and lumber markets trended upward in the fourth



quarter of 2020. While hardwood timber products were down slightly, all pine product stumpage prices were up in North Carolina. Read more on timber market updates in our [recent publication](#).

Coming Events of Interest to Woodland Owners

February 2, 9, 16, and 23, 2021 (Tu), 1-2:30 p.m. ET, Woodland Stewards Webinar Series. This series of four webinars is to empower woodland owners to promote environmental and forest health through increased awareness, experience and access to resources. To learn more about each webinar visit the program's [website](#). To register for the webinars visit [forestrywebinars.net](#). The Woodland Stewards educational program is the result of a collaboration of NC State Extension Forestry and other Extension programs across the Southeast, Mid Atlantic and Midwest US.

February 4, 2021 (Th), 10-11:15 a.m. ET, NC Urban Wood Webinar: First Steps For Municipal Urban Wood Programs. Many NC communities have found that the time is now to get their municipal urban wood use program up and running. These cities and towns seek information on how to take initial steps toward setting up a successful plan to divert removed municipal wood from the landfill, and direct it towards value-added wood products. This presentation by an experienced municipal forester will provide a general overview of the specific steps taken to develop a thriving municipal urban wood program for a small city in Wisconsin, followed by a discussion of how this strategy can be adapted to other communities who are exploring the initiation of a similar program. Pre-registration is required. Learn more and register on the [NC Urban Forest Council webpage](#).

February 8, 2021 (M), 8-5:00 p.m. ET, Virtual Conference on Heirs' Property & Sustainable Forest Management. This webinar is sponsored by the Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources and the University of Georgia. This virtual conference will bring together experts in heirs' property, including forest landowners experiencing it firsthand. We will share ideas and perspectives, provide updates on legal developments regarding heirs' property, and present results from two integrated research and outreach initiatives. Advanced registration is required by February 1, 2021. Register now and find out more on the [forestry webinars website](#).

February 11, 2021 (Th), 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. ET, Eastern NC Forest Health Workshop. This workshop will feature presentations on various topics of forest health by speakers from NC State Extension Forestry, US Forest Service, and NCDA&CS Plant Industry Division. Topics include invasive species, bark beetles, and forest health issues specific to the coastal plain, piedmont, and sandhills areas of NC. Continuing education credits are available. To learn more visit the NC Forest Health social media on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) or [register here](#).

February 11, 2021 (Th), 1-2:30 p.m. ET, ForestHER NC: Recreational Trails & Aesthetic Forestry. Join ForestHER NC landowners, natural resource professionals, and others for the second of three interactive webinars about enjoying your woodlands! In this webinar you will have an opportunity to hear about planning and designing modern sustainable trails and how to incorporate forestry aesthetics into your woodlot management. Presenters will cover the basics of modern trail design that maximizes user enjoyment and minimizes maintenance requirements and provide some practical tips to minimize the negative visual effects of cutting and removing trees from your woodlot. Find out more on the [ForestHER NC Facebook page](#) and [register now](#).

February 18, 2021 (Th), 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. ET, Western NC Forest Health Workshop. This workshop will feature presentations on various topics of forest health by speakers from NC State Extension Forestry, US Forest Service, and NCDA&CS Plant Industry Division. Topics include invasive species, bark beetles, and forest health issues specific to the mountains and piedmont areas of NC. Continuing Education credits are available. To learn more visit the NC Forest Health social media on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) or [register here](#).

February 18, 2021 (Th), 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. ET, The Woman Landowner Workshops: Reforestation Techniques. Land & Ladies' The Woman Landowner Workshops: Reforestation is part of a 3 part workshop series covering all the aspects of forest management women should know when owning land. Land & Ladies workshops are unique where women attendees are taught by women professionals! This workshop costs \$25 and will be located in the F&W Forestry Conference Room in Albany, Georgia. Find out more with [this flyer](#) and [purchase tickets here](#).

February 24, 2021 (W) 6 p.m.- 8 p.m. ET, Estate Planning and Heirs Property & February 25, 2021 (Th) Deeds, Leases and Conservation Easements, 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. ET, REC Sustainable Forestry: Estate Planning Webinar. Estate planning and heirs property – two of the most vexing issues facing forest landowners – is the focus of a free virtual conference that the Sustainable Forestry and Land Retention Project will convene on Feb. 24-25. [Find out more details](#) about the two workshops and [register now](#).

March 11, 2021 (Th), 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. ET, ForestHER NC: Enjoying Your Woods Safely & Citizen Science Projects. Plan ahead to attend next month's ForestHer NC workshop, which will teach you how to enjoy and protect your woodlands as well as introduce citizen science projects. Find out more on the [ForestHER NC Facebook page](#).

Webinars & Online Learning

Project Learning Tree Free Family Activities Nature is a great teacher! Try these activity ideas from Project Learning Tree to connect the children in your life to the outdoors and nature. You can [access these free activities by clicking here](#).

Forestry Webinars on Demand Webinars are a great opportunity to learn about different forestry topics from experts in the field, and we have collaborated with professionals from a variety of backgrounds, including forestry, economics, law, and more to bring you relevant topics at home. [You can access the list of webinars on the NCSU Extension Forestry website](#).

Project Learning Tree Professional Development Programs Both of these online PD programs are self-paced and you can stop and pick-up right where you left off (great for parents working from home!). The online courses contain videos, participant worksheets for self-reflection, and links to additional resources. Each PD program includes an electronic version of the guide, or you can purchase the printed version (shipment may be delayed).

- **PLT K-8 Online Professional Development** (4 hours): \$40 + \$24.99 for print guide (optional)
- **PLT Environmental Experiences for Early Childhood** (3 Hours): \$30 + 19.99 for print guide (optional)

Project Learning Tree eUnits for Criteria III Each eUnit will be yours forever (no renewal fee) and is completely housed online and tied to your email address. These are built on the same training platform as the activity guides, so again, you can start and stop the trainings at your will. The training for each is about 3 hours, and each costs \$40.

- **Tremendous Science (K-2)**
- **Energy & Ecosystems (3-5)**
- **Carbon & Climate (6-8)**

ForestryWebinars.net You can find more than 700 archived webinars on a variety of forestry topics. You can [access this resource on the Forestry Webinars website](#).

NC Tree Farm Program Online Learning Learn about a variety of forestry topics through webinars, videos, and online courses. You can access these courses by [visiting the NC Tree Farm website](#).

eLearn: Urban Forestry This online resource provides an interactive introduction to urban forest management. You can [access this course by visiting the eLearn website](#).

eFire This interactive site allows you to choose your own eFIRE experience! Become virtually immersed in a prescribed burn, learn why and how burns are conducted, read the provided resources, and/or hear from the multiple types of people who use prescribed fire as a land management tool! You can [access this resource by visiting the eFire website](#).

Introduction to Southeastern Prescribed Fire This course is designed to introduce students to the fundamental basics of prescribed burning in Southeastern forested ecosystems. You can [access this course by visiting the Southeastern Prescribed Fire website](#).

Woodland Stewardship YouTube Channel This channel features webinars and other forestry-related videos. You can [access the Woodland Stewardship channel on YouTube](#).

Southern Fire Exchange YouTube Channel The Southern Fire Exchange (SFE) is a regional program for fire science delivery in the Southeast, funded by the Joint Fire Science Program. You can [access the Southern Fire Exchange channel by visiting YouTube](#).

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