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Turn your Christmas Tree into a Backyard Habitat



Now that Christmas is over, instead of throwing out your old Christmas tree, take it outside to create a backyard habitat for wildlife! Be sure to remove all ornaments and lights beforehand but feel free to leave any edible decorations such as strings of popcorn. Check out this [handout from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service](#) to get more tips on how to reuse your Christmas tree.



Photo: USDA Forest Service

Financial Incentives for Forest Management

Did you know that managing your forestland can be an excellent long-term investment? Our recent publication explains the range of incentives available to landowners for various management activities. These incentives include cost-sharing programs as well as tax credits and deductions. Discover more in our [latest publication](#) available now.



2021 ForestHer Virtual Workshops

Plan ahead to attend next year's ForestHer NC workshops, which will teach you how to enjoy and protect your woodlands. One workshop will be held per month from January through July, at 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. EST, with an optional half hour afterward for discussion. Mark your calendars and find the topics of each month's event with [this flyer](#).



Dr. Whitehill & Colleagues Awarded Two Grants!

The new year is off to a good start as Dr. Justin Whitehill and colleagues! Dr. Justin along with collaborators received a McIntire-Stennis award through CNR for a project titled GRO FORTH: Genomic Resource Optimization for FORestT Health. And Dr. Justin with collaborator Jeff Owen received a grant from the NC Christmas Tree Association for a project titled Repellent Compounds for Deer Browse Control in Fraser Fir. We can't to see what they accomplish with these grants!

Coming Events of Interest to Woodland Owners

January 11, 2021 (M), 6-7:00 p.m. EE Lecture Series- The Carolina Wetlands

Association, Protecting the Wetland Treasures of the Carolinas. Carolina wetlands are diverse habitats found across the coastal plain, piedmont, and mountain regions of North and South Carolina and are often described as the “kidneys of the landscape” because of the important natural benefits they provide. This month Rick Savage, president of the Carolina Wetlands Association will be joining to share the value of wetlands in mitigating flooding and providing community resilience. He will also share the important work the Carolina Wetlands Association does towards researching, rebuilding, and protecting this valuable resource and how you can get involved. Find out registration details and more by visiting the [NC Environmental Education \(NCEE\)](#) event page.

January 12, 2021 (Tu), 1-2:00 p.m. ET, Forestry Webinars: The Top Five Ways Forest Landowners Save Tax Dollars. Forest landowners often try to maximize profits by minimizing management expenses or finding the highest price for their timber. However, taxes are a frequently overlooked area for savings. This webinar will discuss the top five ways forest landowners can decrease their federal income tax liability. Join the webinar by visiting the [Forestry Webinars portal](#).

January 14, 2021 (Th), 1-2:30 p.m. ET, ForestHerNC: Trail Cameras & Nature Photography. Join ForestHER NC landowners, natural resource professionals, and others for the first of three interactive webinars about enjoying your woodlands! In this webinar learn how to get the most out of the camera in your phone for nature photography and how remote cameras can help you learn more about the wildlife on your property, as well as how to select, set-up, and monitor your camera. Find out more on the [ForestHER NC Facebook page](#) and [register now](#) for this month's webinar.

January 15- March 25, 2021, Adaptation Planning and Practices Online Courses. This unique opportunity provides hands-on training in considering climate change information and identifying adaptation actions for natural resources management professionals working in forests and natural ecosystems. Participants will receive coaching and feedback while using the online Adaptation Workbook to develop their own real-world climate adaptation project. The seven-week course is structured to include weekly web-based lectures and four one-hour course discussion meetings to support individual work time. NIACS support and coaching is available to students over the entire seven weeks. Find out more on their [webpage](#) or [registration page](#).

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. Pending approval: SAF CFE credits, NC pesticide credits. To learn more visit the NC Forest Health social media on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) or [register here](#).

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. Pending approval: SAF CFE credits, NC pesticide credits. To learn more visit the NC Forest Health social media on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) or [register here](#).

February 2, 9, 16, and 23, 2021 (Tu), 1-2:30 p.m. ET, Woodland Stewards Webinar Series. Are you deciding on a New Years' Resolution? How about taking action in managing your woodlands by participating in this four-part Woodland Stewards webinar series? The webinar series will help you to narrow down your land management objectives, learn about tools that can help you stay safe as you work on your land, and help you put your knowledge into action. To learn more about the series visit the [forestry webinars website](#).

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.

- [Treemendous 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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