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Welcome to the team Dr. Justin G. A. Whitehill!

Join us in welcoming Dr. Justin G. A. Whitehill! Dr. Whitehill is an Assistant Professor with the Department of Forestry and Environmental Resources, and is the Christmas Tree Genetics Program Lead and Co-Director of the Forest Biotechnology Group.

Justin's office will be in Partners II, and you can reach him at (919-515-5851) or jwhiteh2@ncsu.edu Please welcome him to the CNR family!



Photo Courtesy: North Carolina Forestry Department

Undoing Injustice: Roanoke Electric Works to Empower Black Landowners

Roanoke Electric's Sustainable Forestry and Land Retention Project is working to empower black landowners and keep forests as forests and in the family. Alton Perry and his staff work with African American landowners to establish legal ownership of their properties and learn forestry management techniques. Read this [powerful article](#) today.



National Forest Products Week is October 18-24

We're celebrating National Forest Products Week during the third week of October! Forests are more than just trees and timber, and they are present in our every day lives.

National Forest Products Week is October 18-24, 2020 and you can follow along with us all week on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) as we explore and celebrate the many ways that forest products are present in our lives!



Photo: US Forest Service

Grant Funding Available for Certification

If you live in one of the counties impacted by Hurricanes Michael and Florence you may qualify for grant funding to get your forest certification. The North Carolina Forest Service is partnering with the NC Tree Farm Program to offer funds that are available for a limited time to pay \$150 toward the \$350 certification fee for Tree Farms. For more information, read the [full announcement](#) and please contact the N.C. Tree Farm Program at nctreefarm@gmail.com or 919-917-8646.

Coming Events of Interest to Woodland Owners

October 2-10, 2020, Virtual Fire in the Pines Festival 2020. Join the virtual Fire in the Pines Festival 2020! Beginning October 2-5, there will be previews and the introduction of the scavenger hunt and iNaturalist! Then tune in to short videos, launching October 5-10. These are a dynamic, educational, and fun series of video vignettes on the longleaf forest, importance of controlled burning, fire equipment and personnel, mammals and reptiles of the forest, and native and carnivorous plants. The series will be available on the Fire in the Pines [website](#), [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#) pages, and the [schedule](#) is available now.

October 6, 2020 (Tues), 1-2:30 p.m. ET, Women's Virtual Lunch and Learn: Defining Your Forest Management Objectives. This will be an opportunity for women to ask questions of women professionals with a variety of backgrounds about setting and achieving land management objectives. There is some brief pre-work to be done and it can be found on the [extension campus site](#) by searching "Setting Objectives for Your Forest Management". We will have a moderated panel discussion with the questions asked by participants, check out the [event flier](#) to find out who our panelists are! You can sign up for the event on the [event registration page](#). Visit the [Facebook event page](#) for more information.

October 8, 2020 (Th), 1-2:30 p.m. ET, ForestHer NC Wildlife Webinars: Invasive Plants & Their Impact on Wildlife and Landscaping for Wildlife with Native Plants. This will be the second webinar in the fall series being offered by ForestHer NC, and this one will focus on invasive species. Visit the [Facebook event page](#) for more information and [register today!](#) [Check out the flyer](#) and stay up to date and connected with the ForestHer NC community with [their Facebook page](#).

October 15, 2020 (Th), 1-2:30 p.m. ET, Woods for Wildlife: Forest Management in Wetlands and Conservation Status Focusing on Rare and Endangered Species. This webinar will describe the Endangered Species Act and define terminology for the categories of rarity and the general regulations for each. By participating in this webinar you will learn the rare species that occur in the 14-county NC Woods for Wildlife focal area. You will also become familiar with your responsibilities for those species, but more importantly your opportunities to benefit them. Visit the [Facebook event page](#) for more information.

October 22, 2020 (Th), 1-2:30 p.m. ET, Woods for Wildlife: Native Plants of the Longleaf Pine Forest and Active Management of Early Successional Plant Communities. Join others in learning about the high diversity of plant species characteristics of the longleaf pine ecosystem and how it supports the many common and unique wildlife species in these open forests dominated by a single tree. Participants will also learn how to maximize wildlife management goals through active management of early successional plant communities. This webinar will address active management techniques and discuss some specific tips to reach one's property objectives. Visit the [Facebook event page](#) for more information.

October 27-28, 2020, Sustainable Forestry and Land Retention Project Virtual Landowner Conference. The virtual landowner conference is taking place over two days with great presentations! Topics include financial assistance for forest landowners, forestry and agriculture present use taxation, and economic opportunities for landowners, with Curtis Wynn, CEO Roanoke Electric Cooperative as the keynote speaker. [Register today](#) and you can find more details on the [event page](#).

November 5, 2020 (Th), 1-2:30 p.m. ET, Woods for Wildlife Webinar: Forestry for Birds and Commonly Used Herbicides for Habitat Management. Mark your calendars for the next webinar in our Woods for Wildlife series. Managing forest habitat for birds doesn't have to be difficult and often aligns closely with familiar forestry practices. This webinar will feature presentations by Aimee Tomcho with Audubon NC and Benjy Strope with the NC Wildlife Resource Commission. Registration is not required and you can find more information on how to join the webinar on the [event page](#).

November 12, 2020 (Th), 1-2:30 p.m. ET, ForestHer NC Wildlife Webinars: Managing

Woods and Fields for Wildlife. This is the third webinar in the ForestHer NC fall webinar series, and a registration link and more information will be available soon. Stay up to date and connected with the ForestHer NC community with [their Facebook page](#).

November 16, 2020 (M), 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. ET, Project Learning Tree Workshop for K-8 Educators. Join other K-8 classroom and nonformal educators as we explore activities in the Project Learning Tree K-8 Curriculum Guide. Every participant will leave the workshop with the PLT K-8 Activity Guide which includes 96 activities correlated to the NC Standard Course of Study and Essential Standards. The PLT activity guides are provided free of charge to participants through support from the NC Forestry Association. CEU renewal credits are available. This workshop qualifies for Criteria I or II in the EE Certification Program (K-8). Please bring a lunch and prepare to be outside. Masks will be required and space will be limited so we can maintain social distancing. If the workshop is canceled due to COVID restrictions, everyone will receive a full refund. You can find [registration information on the event 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](#).

Woodland Owner 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 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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