Where deer weigh heavily on the ecosystem, a hunter serves a role

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As white-tailed deer populations grow, they limit the forest’s ability to regenerate, eating young plants and trees before they mature and taking away habitat for other animals. They can also threaten the survival of young forest buffers planted to improve the health of waterways. To maintain deer populations at healthy levels, there are non-lethal options that states like Maryland may use, particularly in more urbanized areas. But many areas rely on deer harvest by hunters. Read more.

Tree Talk: A Hobbyist's Guide to Maple Sugaring

From tapping to tasting, on this very special episode of Tree Talk we walk through the process of making syrup from maple sap! While many landowners have serious productions and aim to make a profit, tapping a few trees in the backyard for family use is a time-honored tradition and a lot of fun.

If you find yourself hungry for more information, check out the Cornell Maple Program: https://blogs.cornell.edu/cornellmaple/for-beginners/.
Forest Trivia

The tree pictured in February’s Forest Trivia is the striped maple or goosefoot (*Acer pennsylvanicum*). Although you will not see them in this photo, this secondary common name is inspired by the goosefoot-like shape of this tree’s leaves. Most identifiable in this photo is the opposite branching characteristic of the *Acer* genus, and the smooth, unfurrowed, and striated bark of the striped maple. These striations (or stripes) can be white, deep green, or even black against green or reddish-green. Striped maple is often considered an understory species because it rarely reaches heights over 30 feet. Pennsylvania forest landowner, Roy Brubaker, likes striped maple because he uses it to shelter oak regeneration. He walks his woods with a machete, felling striped maple and sweet birch saplings, and leaving the fallen stems in place. This approach serves an alternative to herbicide, which will kill the oak seedlings and leaves little cover for future germinated oak seedlings.

Congrats to Forests for the Bay member Cheryl Gross for the correct answer!

March’s forest trivia features a plant that is always a welcome site to me because it is a harbinger of spring in our Chesapeake woods. What is this plant? Photo courtesy Allyson Wells.

Submit your answers here. Correct answers will be entered to win a Forests for the Bay baseball cap.

Think you have a forest trivia question sure to stump your fellow Forests for the Bay members? E-mail it to us at forestsforthebay@gmail.com and we will include it as a future trivia question!
We also want to recognize our 2019 Forest Trivia Grand Champion, Bryon Bodt of Whiteford, Maryland! Here’s Bryon sporting his new Forests for the Bay hoodie alongside his three-year-old tree planting. Congratulations, Bryon!

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Events

Webinars

Management and Economic Considerations for Mixed Stand Management
When: Wednesday, March 18, 2020, 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm

Learning From Other's Mistakes: Estate Planning Mistakes and Solutions
When: Wednesday, April 8, 2020, 12:00 pm
**Maryland**

*It's All About the Forest: 2020 Carroll County Forestry Board Spring Workshop*
**When:** Saturday, March 14, 2020, 8:00 am to 3:00 pm  
**Where:** Wesley Freedom United Methodist Church, 961 Johnsville Road, Sykesville, MD 21784

*Chesapeake Tree Stewards Training*
**When:** Saturday, March 14, 2020, 8:30 am to 3:30 pm  
**Where:** Arlington Echo Outdoor Education Center, 975 Indian Landing Road, Millersville, MD 21108

*Spotted Lanternfly Workshop*
**When:** Wednesday, March 18, 2020, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm  
**Where:** Washington County Agricultural Education Center, 7303 Sharpsburg Pike, Boonsboro, MD 21713

*Chesapeake Tree Stewards Training*
**When:** Saturday, March 21, 2020, 8:30 am to 3:30 pm  
**Where:** Hood College, Frederick, MD

*Chesapeake Tree Stewards Training*
**When:** Saturday, March 28, 2020, 8:30 am to 3:30 pm  
**Where:** Hagerstown Community College, Smith Elliott Conference Center, Room 213, 11400 Robinwood Drive, Hagerstown, MD 21742

*Saving the Chesapeake Bay, One Yard at a Time Workshop*
**When:** Saturday, March 28, 2020, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm  
**Where:** North Beach Town Hall, 8916 Chesapeake Ave, North Beach, MD 20714

*Bird Identification: From Coo to Who Cooks for You*
**When:** Monday, March 30 – Monday, May 4, 2020, 8:30 am to 11:00 am  
**Where:** Adkins Arboretum, 12610 Eveland Road, Ridgely, MD 21660

*Weed Warriors*
**When:** 1. Wednesday, April 8, 2020, 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm  
2. Wednesday, April 15, 2020, 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm  
3. Saturday, April 18, 2020, 9:30 am to 12:30 pm  
**Where:** Druid Hill Park, 3001 East Drive, Baltimore, MD 21217
New York

**The Story of the American Woodcock**
**When:** Thursday, March 26, 2020, 6:15 pm  
**Where:** Waterman Conservation Education Center, 403 Hilton Road, Apalachin, NY 13732

Pennsylvania

**Pennsylvania's Native Americans - Part I of Penn's Woods Over Time: People and the Forest**
**When:** Thursday, March 12, 2020, 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm  
**Where:** Visitors Center, Renfrew Park, 1010 E Main Street, Waynesboro, PA 17268

**Let's Go Native!**
**When:** Wednesday, March 18, 2020, 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm  
**Where:** Lysock View, 542 County Farm Road, Montoursville, PA 17754

**Spotted Lanternfly Public Meeting**
**When:** Thursday, March 19, 2020, 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm  
**Where:** Penn State Extension Perry County, 8 S. Carlisle Street, Bloomfield, PA 17068

**Buds and Bark - Identifying Trees without their Leaves**
**When:** Saturday, March 21, 2020, 11:00 am  
**Where:** Tiadaghton State Forest, 10 Lower Pine Bottom Rd, Waterville, PA 17776

**Tree Pruning**
**When:** Sunday, March 22, 2020, 1:00 pm  
**Where:** Salt Springs State Park, Silver Creek Road, Montrose, PA 18801

**Charcoal Hearths, Collier Huts, and Haul Roads: Traces of the Iron Industry Across South Mountain - Part II of Penn's Woods Over Time: People and the Forest**
**When:** Thursday, March 26, 2020, 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm  
**Where:** Visitors Center, Renfrew Park, 1010 E Main St, Waynesboro, PA 17268

**Valuing Standing Timber Course**
**When:** Thursday, April 9, 2020, 8:00 am to 3:45 pm  
**Where:** Tiadaghton State Forest District Office, 10 Lower Pine Bottom Rd., Waterville, PA 17776

**Spotted Lanternfly Public Meeting**
**When:** Saturday, April 11, 2020, 11:00 am to 12:30 pm  
**Where:** Thomas Beaver Library, 317 Ferry Street, Danville, PA 17821
Virginia

Naked Tree Walk
When: Saturday, March 14, 2020, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm
Where: Freedom Park Interpretive Center, 5537 Centerville Rd., Williamsburg, VA

Roanoke Tree Care Workshop
When: Wednesday, March 18, 2020, 8:00 am to 2:00 pm
Where: Virginia Western Community College, 3094 Colonial Avenue, Roanoke, VA 24015

Invasive Plant Workshop
When: Thursday, March 19, 2020, 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm
Where: Rockfish Valley Community Center, 190 Rockfish School Lane, Afton, VA 22920

Central Virginia Beginning Woodland Owners' Retreat
When: Friday, March 20 – Saturday, March 21, 2020
Where: Holiday Lake 4-H Educational Center, 1267 4-H Camp Rd, Appomattox, VA 24522

Nature is for Everyone: Black and Brown Faces in America's Wild Places
When: Saturday, March 21, 2020
Where: Northern Virginia Community College - Lakeside Theater, 2645 College Drive, Woodbridge, VA

Invasive Plant Workshop
When: Wednesday, March 25, 2020, 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Where: Ivy Creek Foundation, 1780 Earlysville Road, Charlottesville, VA 22903

Private Lands Prescribed Fire Workshop
When: Thursday, April 9, 2020, 10:00 am to 6:00 pm
Where: Matthews State Forest, Galax, VA