Here at Forests for the Bay, our love of the outdoors extends well beyond our work. Check out this spotlight of the career and hobbies of Holly May, who served as the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay’s Watershed Forester since 2017. Those of you readers out of West Virginia or members of our Woodland Stewardship Networks in Pennsylvania might have had the pleasure of working with Holly in her tenure at the Alliance. Holly has recently left us to join the Pennsylvania Bureau of Forestry in Jefferson County. Best of luck in your future endeavors, Holly! Read more.

Tree Talk: Mapleleaf Viburnum

Join us in the forest midstory as we discuss mapleleaf viburnum (*Viburnum acerifolium*), a lovely little shrub that at first glance looks a little like a red maple sapling. Mapleleaf
viburnum is great for songbirds, pollinators, and other wildlife, and has spectacular fall foliage.

**Forest Trivia**

The precise cuts along the edge of this Eastern redbud leaf (*Cercis canadensis*) were made by a leafcutter bee (family Megachilidae). To make such a circular cut, the bee will place their foot at the center point of the circle, and rotate around it, cutting the tissue. The bee carries the leaf cuttings back to their nesting site, and wraps each individual egg in a protective leaf cocoon, along with nectar and pollen. When the egg hatches the same summer or following spring, the larvae quickly grows into a mature bee, and leaves the nest to mate and continue the cycle.

The leafcutter bee demonstrates preference for leaf tissue from thinned-walled and smooth leaves, which is why you will find their cuts primarily on particular plants, like redbuds and ash, but also on ornamentals, like roses. The leaf damage does not affect overall plant health. Leafcutter bees are important native pollinators, and so evidence of their cuttings is a good sign that you are promoting pollinator habitat on your property.

Congrats to Forests for the Bay member Alice Simmons for the correct answer!

Now for September’s forest trivia! What happened to the trunk of this tree? Why did it happen? This month's trivia question will require you to piece together various bits of information from this photograph. Hint - an important clue may be found in last month's newsletter. Photo courtesy Craig Highfield.
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](mailto:forestsforthebay@gmail.com) and we will include it as a future trivia question!

### Headlines

**General/Watershed Wide**

- Extension Educator: Late Summer, Early Fall Optimal Time to Treat Tree of Heaven
- Beyond Easements: Broader Approaches for Greater Conservation Outcomes
- Spotted Lanternfly Tree Traps can be Effective, But Need Careful Installation
- Announcing New Invasive Plant Fact Sheets Series
- EPA awards $18 million in grants for Chesapeake Bay cleanup projects, some on Eastern Shore
- Congress passes Great American Outdoors Act
- Meet the Little Green Clover That Beat the Odds
- Hitchhiking Seeds
- Scouting for Trees
- For Cleaner Water, Convert Some Lawn

**Delaware**

- Spotted lanternfly concerns spur quarantine in New Castle County

**Maryland**

- Maryland-based Ecological Restoration Company Tapped as National Growth Leader
- Hunting Lottery Open for Chesapeake Forest Lands

**Pennsylvania**

- Funding for Local Parks, Recreation, and Conservation made Permanent
- New Plans for Chronic Wasting Disease Management
Oak Wilt at the Stone Valley Experimental Forest

Virginia

Virginia ginseng harvest season begins Sept. 1

What Impact Do Coyotes Have on Virginia’s Deer?

Out of the Ashes

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Forest Farming, Falcons and Frozen Fungus Ice Cream? We Got It All Inside Appalachia

Save The Forest, Get Paid: This Appalachian Farming Initiative Shows People How

Events

Webinars

Fifteen Minutes in the Forest: Protecting Water Quality During a Timber Harvest
When: Friday, September 11, 2020, 12:00 pm to 12:15 pm

Green Industry Pesticide Update: Formulations, Adjuvants, and Invasive Weed Identification and Management
When: Tuesday, September 15, 2020, – Wednesday, September 30, 2020

Advice from the Community Forest: Ask the Experts
When: Wednesday, September 16, 2020, 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm

Fifteen Minutes in the Forest: Clearcut Life
When: Friday, September 18, 2020, 12:00 pm to 12:15 pm

Fifteen Minutes in the Forest: Aging Whitetail Deer by the Tooth
When: Friday, September 25, 2020, 12:00 pm to 12:15 pm

Blue Ridge PRISM Invasive Plant Workshop
When: Tuesday, September 29, 2020, 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Proper Chainsaw Sharpening Techniques
When: Tuesday, September 29, 2020, 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Erosion Control in Our Forests
When: Thursday, October 1, 2020, 8:00 am to 12:00 pm
Fifteen Minutes in the Forest: Forest Pests: Fall Edition  
**When:** Friday, October 2, 2020, 12:00 pm to 12:15 pm

Blue Ridge PRISM Invasive Plant Workshop  
**When:** Wednesday, October 7, 2020, 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Fifteen Minutes in the Forest: Tree Pruning Basics  
**When:** Friday, October 9, 2020, 12:00 pm to 12:15 pm

Nature Hour: Tree Talk - Identify Trees During Any Season  
**When:** Wednesday, October 14, 2020, 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Natural Area Management Services Webinar Series  
**When:** Thursday October 22 – Thursday, November 12, 2020, 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

**Maryland**

Webinar: Landowner Liability & Recreation Access in Maryland  
**When:** Tuesday, September 15, 2020, 6:00 pm

Fall Mushroom Foray with Sam Feld  
**When:** Saturday, October 10, 2020, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm  
**Where:** Fox Haven Farm and Learning Center, 3630 Poffenberger Road

**Pennsylvania**

Birding 101--Fall Migration Round-Up  
**When:** Wednesday, September 30, 2020, 8:30 am to 9:30 am  
**Where:** Bald Eagle State Park, 149 Main Park Road, Howard, PA 16841-3508

**Virginia**

Hail to the Trail  
**When:** Sunday, October 11, 2020, 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm  
**Where:** Chapman DeMary Trail, East Hirst Road 205, Purcellville, Virginia

**West Virginia**

West Virginia Woodland Stewards Seminar  
**When:** Monday, September 14, 2020, 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm