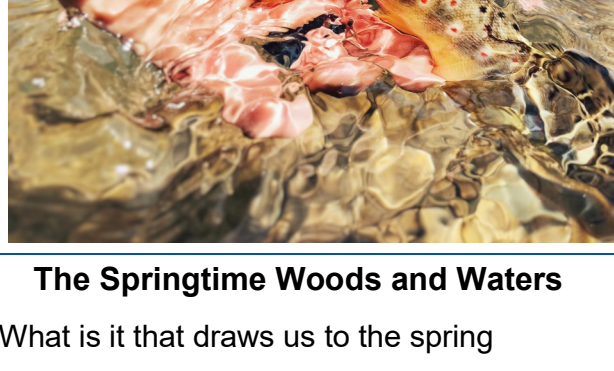




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With springtime arriving in our forests, this issue includes topics like how trout respond to the warmer weather and the growth of a favorite spring ephemeral, Bloodroot. This month's video features a new series, Riparian Restoration 101, and highlights how to properly plant a tree.

Top Stories



The Springtime Woods and Waters

What is it that draws us to the spring woods? Is it the cacophony of spring peepers, the blanket of vibrant green leaves engulfing the forest around us, or maybe the prospect of a delicious morel just around the next bend?



What's Poppin? Phenological Fun!

A unique spring ephemeral, Bloodroot, lives up to its name with a vibrantly colored rhizome and sap. Its seeds are spread by ants and it has historically been used by humans for dyes and medicine.

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Riparian Restoration 101: How to Plant a Tree



Introducing: Riparian Restoration 101! This video series focuses on riparian forest buffer design, implementation, and maintenance. This series was created by the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay and the Upper and Middle James Riparian Consortium, and was funded by the James River Association. In this episode, we discuss how to plant and shelter trees with volunteers.

[Watch Now](#)

Trivia



March Trivia Reveal (*pictured on the left*)

As the leaves flush, the twig from last month's trivia is now more identifiable as a silver maple (*Acer saccharinum*). Silver maple is common throughout the eastern US and tolerates a variety of climatic conditions. These fast-growing trees are very competitive in the bottomland, so they are an excellent species for riparian forest restoration. Silver maple is the first maple in the east to flower, often beginning in February. Maples have an opposite arrangement of lateral buds as compared to the alternate arrangement in most other hardwoods. Silver maple twigs tend to be chestnut brown in color and the tree gets its name from the silvery underside of its leaves. Silver maple, like most maples, can be tapped to produce maple syrup, but the sugar content is much less than sugar maple (*Acer saccharum*).

No trivia winner this month— it appears we stumped you this time! Best of luck with this month's trivia!

NEW April Trivia (*pictured on the right*)

The most notorious tree that has white flowers blooming in early April is the invasive, undesirable, yet commonly planted Bradford pear. There are wonderful native alternatives though, like this street tree specimen seen in Lancaster, PA. What species is it?

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

[Submit Your Answer](#)

Think you have a forest trivia question sure to stump your fellow Forests for the Bay members? Email it to us at forestsforthebay@gmail.com and we will include it as a future trivia question!

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New York

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Virginia

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Get Involved

Webinars

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[A Wildlife-Friendly Backyard](#)

When: Wednesday, April 21, 2021, 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

[Soggy, Scruffy, and Shared: How Art Can Help Shape Land Use](#)

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[The Right Native in the Right Place](#)

When: Tuesday, May 4, 2021, 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm

[Emerald ash borer: Where do we stand?](#)

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[Women on the Land Spring Webinar Series](#)

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[Hydrology, Geology, and Biology of Springs](#)

When: Thursday, May 6, 2021, 2:00 pm

[Regenerating Hardwood Forests: Managing Competition, Deer, and Light](#)

When: Tuesday, May 11, 2021, 12:00 or 7:00 pm

Maryland

[Walk for the Woods 2021](#)

When: Saturday, April 24, 2021, 7:00 am to 3:00 pm

Where: Bacon Ridge Natural Area, Farm Road, Crownsville, MD 21032

[Riparian Buffer Planting - Monocacy \(Friends Creek 2\)](#)

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Where: Fredrick County, MD

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[2021 Spring Tree Plantings with TLVC](#)

When: Friday, April 16, 2021, – Saturday, April 17, 2021

Where: Various Locations

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When: Wednesday, May 12, 2021, 12:00 pm

Virginia

[Legacy Planning: A Spring Webinar Series for Woodland Owners](#)

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[Common Invasive Plants in Virginia: Identification, Control and Native Alternatives with Beth Mizell](#)

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