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In this issue, you will find topics like winter adaptation and ecology within the Chesapeake Bay watershed and the growth of tree clubmoss. This month's Tree Talk explores the ecological importance of White Oak. Read on for more articles and events across the watershed.

Top Stories



Winter in the Forests of the Chesapeake

The plants, birds, mammals, and aquatic organisms all across the Bay watershed undergo a variety of changes during wintertime. Some migrate while others endure the harsh winter conditions.

[Read the Full Story](#)



What's Poppin? Phenological Fun!

Dendrolycopodium obscurum is a unique plant that is visible on the forest floor during wintertime and has a unique life history. This edition of What's Poppin dives into how these ancient plants reproduce and spread.

[Learn More](#)

Tree Talk: White Oak



This month's Tree Talk is on White Oak (*Quercus alba*). Oak ecology is fascinating and complex, and merits its own Tree Talk someday. Tune in to learn more about the identification, natural history, and utility of white oak, with some quick broader lessons about this important genus.

[Watch Now](#)

Trivia



January Trivia Reveal (pictured on the left)

The substance that has fallen to the base of this oak tree is called "frass." It is the official term for insect feces and comes from the German word, *fressen* which means "to devour." Wood-boring insects produce frass as they bore their way through the tree. An educated guess would say that this frass came from the two-lined chestnut borer, which commonly targets oak trees.

Congrats to Forests for the Bay member B. Stupak for the correct answer!

NEW February Trivia (pictured on the right)

For this month's forest trivia, can you come up with the correct word for this type of tree? What is the beastly forestry term for large, old canopy trees that are surrounded by a much younger forest?

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!



2020 Forest Trivia Grand Champion, Mark Ott

Congratulations to our 2020 Forest Trivia Grand Champion, Mark Ott!

Mark is an extremely engaged woodland steward in Centre County, PA.

Beyond tending to his woods, Mark works tirelessly to help other landowners to steward theirs.

He currently serves as the President of the Pennsylvania Forestry Association. No wonder he is so good at Forest Trivia!

News Around the Watershed

General/ Watershed Wide

[State And Local Partners Made Record Progress In Second Year Of Chesapeake Bay Phase 3 Watershed Implementation Plan](#)

[NASA Satellites Help Quantify Forests' Impacts on Global Carbon Budget](#)

[From a 'Cry for Survival' to a Call to Action: President Biden Takes First Steps for the Chesapeake Bay](#)

[A feast for the eyes and for wildlife](#)

[Bass confusion from land pollution](#)

[Moon Trees are living testaments to mankind's first trips to the Moon: Where are they now?](#)

[Photos: Lumber Logs makes use of trees from urban 'forests'](#)

[Former U.S. Climate Leaders Press Biden on Amazon Deforestation](#)

Maryland

[Maryland passes on CWD testing](#)

New York

[NYS Launches Innovative Effort to Combat Spotted Lanternfly](#)

Pennsylvania

[Dozens of ancient eel weirs uncovered in Susquehanna](#)

[DCNR Receives Favorable Independent Audit Reports For Its More Than 2.2 Million-Acre State Forest System](#)

[Poll Shows Outdoors Important To Pennsylvanians During Pandemic](#)

[CNH Industrial-New Holland Ag Partners With Alliance For The Chesapeake Bay On Riparian Buffer Project In Lancaster County](#)

[Nature's Ways: The Pileated Woodpecker Is an Eye-Catching Sight](#)

Virginia

[Pair of VA. Tree Planting Bills Move Forward](#)

[Restoration turns back the clock on a trout stream](#)

West Virginia

[Our Newest National Park-and West Virginia's First- Is Fantastic for Birding](#)

[Safe Water Collaborative preserves thousands of acres to protect clean drinking water](#)

Get Involved

Webinars

[2021 Woods & Water Film Series](#)

When: Friday, February 12, 2021, 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

[Advice from the Woods: Ask Our Experts](#)

When: Wednesday, February 17, 2021, 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm

[Native Orchid Ecology and Conservation](#)

When: Thursday, February 18, 2021, 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm

[Woods and Wildlife Conference](#)

When: Friday, February 19 – Saturday, February 20, 2021

[Taking Nature Black](#)

When: Tuesday, February 23 – Saturday, February 27, 2021

[Advanced Level II - Natural Area Management Services Webinar Series](#)

When: Tuesday, February 23 – Thursday, March 18, 2021

[Identifying and Reporting Spotted Lanternfly and Tree-of-heaven](#)

When: Tuesday, February 23, 2021, 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm

[Weeds in the Woods](#)

When: Thursday, February 25, 2021, 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm

[Riparian Forest Buffer Summit](#)

When: Wednesday, March 10 – Thursday, March 11, 2021, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

[Invasive Plant Workshop](#)

When: Friday, March 19, 2021, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

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[Spring Ephemerals of the DC Region](#)

When: Wednesday, February 17, 2021, 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm

Maryland

[Observing Cold-Loving Fungi Close to Home](#)

When: Wednesday, February 17, 2021, 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm

[Twilight Trek](#)

When: Saturday, March 13, 2021, 6:00 pm

Where: Elk Neck State Park, 4395 Turkey Point Road, North East, MD 21901

Virginia

[Volunteer Invasive Plant Removal](#)

When: Saturday, February 13, 2021, 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Where: Shenandoah River State Park, 350 Daughter of Stars Drive, Bentonville, VA 22610

