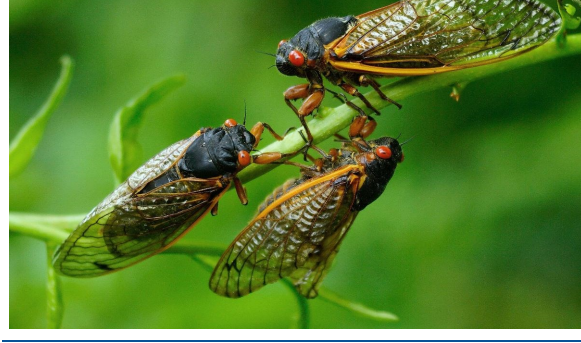




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As the Chesapeake Bay Watershed begins to warm up with June sunshine, the region becomes filled with summertime wildlife, blooms, and activities. This issue highlights the cicadas' return, the blooming of persimmon flowers, and summer hikes. This month's Tree Talk features the American chestnut, a rare find in forests today.

## Top Stories



### Brood X: Return of the Cicadi

The interesting lifecycle of the 'Great Eastern Brood' has captivated nature enthusiasts and concerned landowners alike with its emergence this year. Read on to see what makes these insects so special and why their emergence is a beneficial and important occurrence you won't want to miss.

[Read the Full Story](#)



### What's Poppin? Phenological Fun!

Common persimmon, *Diospyros virginiana*, produces a tasty fruit and also has a beautiful, but sometimes hard to find, yellow flower. One of the host species for the luna moth, this small-sized tree supports native wildlife with its leaves and fruit and could also feed you, if you are patient!

[Learn More](#)

## Tree Talk: American Chestnut



We found something amazing in the woods this spring: a wild, reproducing American chestnut! American chestnut, *Castanea dentata*, is functionally extinct in the wild due to an introduced fungus that wiped out the species in the early 20th century. Watch this month's Tree Talk to hear more about this fascinating species.

[Watch Now](#)

## Trivia



### June Trivia (pictured above)

For this month's forest trivia, can you identify this species of tree? Is it native or invasive to the Chesapeake Bay Watershed?

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](mailto:forestsforthebay@gmail.com) and we will include it as a future trivia question!

## News Around the Watershed

### General/Watershed Wide

[Biden Administration to Restore Roadless Rule Protections to Alaska's Tongass National Forest](#)

[Rocky mountain forests now burning more than any point in past 2,000 years](#)

[Hawaiian Heritage Closely Tied to Forests](#)

[Racing the clock to stem the spread of the mountain pine beetle](#)

[Recreation makes for healthy economies](#)

[National forest visits surged in 2020](#)

[Fisheries Biologist Offers Tips](#)

[Red-tailed hawks looking for love, maybe a nest site near you](#)

['Tree Farts' Increase Carbon Emissions in Ghost Forests](#)

[Policymakers are banking on trees to cut carbon. Forest experts say Virginia needs more seedlings.](#)

### Maryland

[Maryland's Wild Turtles Are On The Move](#)

### New York

[How the giant trees got to New York's new island park](#)

['Ghost Forest' In Madison Square Park Raising Awareness About Impact Of Climate Change On Trees](#)

### Pennsylvania

[DCNR Designates 35 Sites On State Forest Lands As Wild Plant Sanctuaries](#)

### Virginia

[Blue-Eyed Grass Blooms for Bees and Butterflies](#)

[You Ain't From Around Here! Moving Firewood is Still a Bad Idea!](#)

['Big data' helps direct preservation decisions](#)

[Policymakers are banking on trees to cut carbon. Forest experts say Virginia needs more seedlings](#)

### West Virginia

[Two father-daughter duos turn West Virginia forest products into treasures](#)

## Get Involved

### Webinars

[Ethics and Professional Forestry](#)

**When:** Thursday, June 17, 2021, 1:00 pm

[A guide to restoring the little things that run the world with Doug Tallamy](#)

**When:** Thursday, June 17, 2021, 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

[Butterflies and Bees that Need Trees](#)

**When:** Tuesday, June 22, 2021, 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm

[A Beginners Guide to Bee Identification and Appreciation with Heather Holm](#)

**When:** Wednesday, June 23, 2021, 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

[Summer Invasive Species Workshop](#)

**When:** Thursday, June 24, 2021, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

[Breakfast on the Bay: Tree Talk](#)

**When:** Thursday, July 15, 2021, 10:00 am to 11:00 am

[Urban Tree Pest Update - Tree Diseases](#)

**When:** Wednesday, July 21, 2021, 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm

[Community Forestry Webinars: Are Your Trees Storm Ready?](#)

**When:** Wednesday, August 18, 2021, 12:00 pm

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

**When:** Wednesday, August 18, 2021, 12:00 pm

### Maryland

[Meet the Pollinators](#)

**When:** Saturday, June 19, 2021, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

**Where:** 10520 Old Frederick Road, Woodstock, MD 21163

### New York

[Piestrak Forestland Woodswalk](#)

**When:** Saturday, June 26, 2021, 9:00 am

**Where:** 9757 Watson Creek Road, Lindley, NY 14858

### Pennsylvania

[Tremendous Trees](#)

**When:** Saturday, June 19, 2021, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

**Where:** 695 State Route 487, Benton, PA 17814

### Virginia

[Catawba Sustainability Center Field Day](#)

**When:** Saturday, June 26, 2021, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

**Where:** Catawba Sustainability Center, 5075 Catawba Creek Road, Catawba, VA 24070

