Tree Talk: American Chestnut

As the Chesapeake Bay Watershed begins to warm up with June sunshine, the region’s forests begin to transform. May, which is often referred to as the Mother’s Day, fills the landscape with blooming wildflowers, songbirds, and butterflies. This month’s Tree Talk features the American chestnut, a rare find in forests today.

American chestnut, Castanea dentata, is functionally extinct in the wild due to the introduced fungus that wiped out the species in the early 20th century. Watch this tree support native wildlife with its leaves and fruit and could also feed you, if you’re hungry enough.

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As the Chesapeake Bay Watershed begins to grow in the spring, it becomes filled with summertime wildlife, blooms, and activities. This issue highlights the month’s Tree Talk to hear more about this fascinating species.

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 future trivia question!

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