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Our Birds: An In Wisconsin Special

The annual spring migration is winding down, but as we welcome our Wisconsin's migratory birds back, we invite you to enjoy this PBS Wisconsin documentary exploring the more than 2,000-mile journey Wisconsin's migratory birds make every year, looking at the perils faced by our migratory birds and how people in Wisconsin and Latin America are working to save them. [Watch Video](#)

In the News

Gov. Tony Evers Pledges To Plant 75 Million Trees By End Of Decade

Gov. Tony Evers has issued an executive order that directs the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources to plant 75 million trees by the end of 2030. Evers made the commitment to working with public, private and nonprofit partners to mark Earth Day. [Read More](#)

Wetlands That Mitigate Flooding in Northern Wisconsin at Risk Under Rule Change

From fish and wildlife habitat to natural water purifiers, wetlands play a crucial role in human and environmental health. Last year, the Clean Water Rule was replaced by the Navigable Waters Protection Rule which modified the Waters of the United States definition in the Clean Waters Act. The rule change means that lakes, streams, some tributaries, and wetlands adjacent to those remain protected, but excludes other streams and isolated wetlands. [Read More](#)

Understanding Forest Perceptions

There is an old cowboy saying that goes something like this, "It ain't the things you don't know what gets you in trouble; it's the things you know for certain that just ain't so!" My high school English teacher would be horrified by the grammar, but the sentiment is certainly true. My topic for today – What do we really know about our forests? What is perception and what is reality? [Read More](#)

What's Pushing Record Lumber Prices and Who in Wisconsin Is Benefiting?

Everywhere Matt Jensen turns, people think he's getting rich as a logger. "They say, 'Geez Matt, you must be making a killing,'" Jensen remarked. He understands why people assume that with lumber at record price levels, the man cutting down trees and hauling them to the mill is getting some of the profit but said that's just not true. "We're not seeing those exorbitant prices, we're not getting that," Jensen said. "The logging contractor is getting paid less today than a year ago." [Read More](#)

Is Wood the Building Material of the Future?

For centuries, wood has been prized for its beauty and tactile qualities—"Wood is the most humanly intimate of all materials," said Frank Lloyd Wright. In the field sustainable architecture, wood is experiencing a renaissance, in the form of mass timber, which is finding growing acceptance as a structural building component. A recent Think Tank entitled "Working with Timber – New Possibilities for Design, Construction and Sustainability" brought experts from the design and timber industries together to discuss and celebrate this remarkable transformation. [Read More](#)

Woods vs. Forest: What's the Difference?

The difference between woods and forests comes down to canopy cover and tree density. While forests are known for thicker canopy cover (the amount of land covered by the tops of trees), woods usually have a more open canopy and sparser tree density, keeping the soil drier and unshaded. Although both refer to distinct ecosystems covered in trees and home to a wide range of wildlife, woodlands are often referred to as the ecosystems in between dense forest and open land. [Read More](#)

World's First Wooden Satellite Could Be In Orbit This Year

When we think of old tech in space, we think of the retrofuturism of old sci-fi movies like Star Wars and Alien — their huge 8-bit computers and monochrome screens presented at the time as the height of technology. Seemingly taking one step further back on the technological evolutionary timeline, a project called WISA WOODSAT is sending a small satellite up into space with an outer shell made out of plywood. "Our goal is to put the first-ever wooden satellite on Earth's orbit by the end of 2021," the WISA WOODSAT team tweeted on Monday, April 12. [Read More](#)



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