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Early Detection of Forest Invasives: Participatory Science in the Midwest

Learn about a new USDA-USFS funded project dedicated to preventing and detecting invasive plants in high priority forests of the Midwest. We'll highlight resources being developed by this project and how you can help by getting involved with participatory science opportunities in your region. [Watch Video](#)

In the News

Prehistoric Discovery in US Lake Leaves Experts in Shock and Awe

Wisconsin historians recently announced the discovery of at least 11 ancient canoes in a Badger State lake – including one boat that dates back to 2500 BC. The findings were announced in a press release by the Wisconsin Historical Society on May 23. The canoes were found in Lake Mendota, which is located outside of Madison. [Read More](#)

What's Happened During Wisconsin's Spring Wildfire Season So Far

In Wisconsin, most wildfires occur in the spring, with the season typically running from March to May. After the snowpack melts away, dry weather can leave the underlying grass and leaf litter dry and primed to burn. Warm temperatures, low humidity and breezy days, combined with the fact that many landowners burn their yard waste in the spring, give rise to most wildfires in Wisconsin. [Read More](#)

Arbor Day: Foresters Across Government Levels Encourage Tree Planting

Wisconsin is home to nearly 17 million acres of forest land that spans federal, state, and county land. It provides jobs, recreation, and a healthy environment. "The Northwoods continues to have this legacy of loving trees, loving open spaces. Whether it's from a recreation component, a fishing component, or a hardwood harvesting component, I think that's something that everyone can appreciate about our beautiful spaces here in the Northwoods," said Sitka Pence. She's the deputy forest supervisor for the Chequamegon Nicolet National Forest. [Read More](#)

Poplar Couple Recognized for Taking a Bite Out of Invasive Species

The Wisconsin Invasive Species Council is recognizing a Poplar couple for their contribution to preventing, controlling and eradicating invasive species ... with goats. Jake and Brigid Williams are among 13 individuals and groups who will receive a 2024 Invasive Species Action Award in June. [Read More](#)

What Are Carpenter Bees and How Do You Get Rid of Them?

Carpenter bees are a source of joy when we see them peacefully buzzing among the flowers. But occasionally they can become a frustration, especially when they gnaw into our wooden homes, fences, decks and patios. [Read More](#)

Management of Invasive Plants in Wisconsin

Invasive plants can thrive and aggressively spread beyond their natural range, disrupting ecosystems. The Management of Invasive Plants in Wisconsin series explains how to identify invasive plants and provides common management options. Management methods recommend specific timings for treatment, as well as expected effectiveness. The set includes the 33 publications listed below, a table of contents, and a cover. To view PDFs of the individual publications, click the specific publication's link (148 pages; 2013). [Read More](#)

DNR Confirms Cicadas Have Begun to Emerge in Wisconsin

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) today confirmed the emergence of cicadas in Wisconsin. A resident of Lake Geneva has sent photos of newly emerged cicadas (*Magicicada* spp.) taken on Friday, May 17. The DNR confirmed that these insects are indeed Brood XIII cicadas. [Read More](#)

Point Basse Pioneer Festival

Pioneer Festival, Special Civil War presentations this year. Saturday, June 8, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sunday June 9, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Historic Point Basse 364 Wakely Road Nekoosa WI 54457 [Learn More](#)