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KWOA Wood Post

News Items of Interest

Save The Date for the 2026 KWOA Annual Conference!

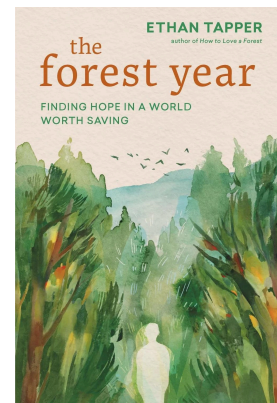
Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for the upcoming KWOA Annual Conference to be held **October 19–21, 2026**, in Berea, Kentucky.

Learn more at kwoa.net/post/2026-kwoa-annual-conference.



The Forest Year: Finding Hope in a World Worth Saving

Ethan Tapper's New England Book Award-winning literary debut – *How to Love a Forest: The Bittersweet Work of Tending a Changing World* – explored the complex reality of what it means to care for forests at this moment in time. Tapper's highly anticipated follow-up is *The Forest Year: Finding Hope in a World Worth Saving*. *The Forest Year* expands the world of *How to Love a Forest*, following Ethan across a single year of life and stewardship at Bear Island – his 175-acre forest in Vermont. *The Forest Year* is a book about trees, forests, birds, and wildflowers, and also about community, resilience, stewardship, and the profound and beautiful thing that happens when we decide to stay.



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Upcoming Events & Learning Opportunities

Kentucky WOODLAND OWNERS SHORT COURSE

The Kentucky Woodland Owners Short Course (WOSC) was designed to assist Kentucky's woodland owners in the care and management of their woodland resources! The 2026 WOSC consists of 7 online sessions followed by a field session (two options to choose from). The online sessions will provide a solid foundation for woodland owners on key woodland and wildlife management-related topics in Kentucky.

Attendee Option One: Online Only, \$10 per person (7:00 — 8:30 PM Eastern)
Registration includes all online sessions and recordings.

Attendee Option Two: Seven online sessions and one field session, \$30 per person / \$45 per couple (9:30-3:30 PM Local)



Online
JUNE 2 - 23
7 WEBINARS
7 PM - 8:30 PM ET



JULY 18 OR AUG. 8
1 FIELD SESSION
JULY 18 - FLEMING CO.
AUGUST 8 - CALDWELL CO.

Dates for Online Sessions

(Tues. and Thur. 7 - 8:30 PM EDT)

- June 2: Why and How to Manage Your Woodlands/Tree ID
- June 4: Comprehensive Woodland Management
- June 9: White Oak Management and White Oak App
- June 11: Wildlife Management in Kentucky
- June 16: Woodlands and Water Quality
- June 18: Woodland Health
- June 23: Woodland Owner Related Organizations and Programs

Dates for Field Sessions

(choose one)

- July 18: Flemming County
- August 8: Caldwell County

Field sessions will showcase the field hosts woodland and wildlife management approaches and activities. These sessions are designed to provide the opportunity to see woodland and wildlife management practices on the ground and interact with the natural resource professionals who can help you with your woodland, and reinforce what was learned in the online sessions, and how it translates to your woodland.

Learn more and register at wosc.mgcafe.uky.edu/2026-wosc.

LEARN TREE IDENTIFICATION

LIVE WEBINAR

June 2, 2026
7 - 8:30 p.m.

Join us in discovering how to effectively manage our woodlands while learning how to identify the trees in your forest.

<https://KYWOSC.org>

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LEARN WHY AND HOW TO MANAGE YOUR WOODLANDS

LIVE WEBINAR

June 2, 2026
7 - 8:30 p.m.

Join us in discovering how to effectively manage our woodlands while learning how to recognize the various trees in your forest.

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LEARN COMPREHENSIVE WOODLAND MANAGEMENT

LIVE WEBINAR

June 4, 2026
7 - 8:30 p.m.

Learn how to work with professional foresters to comprehensively manage your woodland resources. Representatives from the Kentucky Division of Forestry and Kentucky Association of Consulting foresters will share how they support woodland owners in managing their land.

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LEARN WHITE OAK MANAGEMENT & APP

LIVE WEBINAR

June 9, 2026
7 - 8:30 p.m.

White oaks are vital in Kentucky, but their regeneration is challenging. Representatives from the UK Department of Forestry and Natural Resources will discuss strategies for maintaining white oaks and introduce a new mobile app for white oak management.

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LEARN WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT

LIVE WEBINAR

June 11, 2026
7 - 8:30 p.m.

Many woodland owners are interested in enhancing their property to benefit wildlife which can go hand in hand with woodland management practices.

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LEARN WATER QUALITY

LIVE WEBINAR

June 16, 2026
7 - 8:30 p.m.

We have over 90,000 miles of streams and rivers in Kentucky, and many of those are located on privately owned property. Discover ways to safeguard the water quality in your woodlands.

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LEARN WOODLAND HEALTH

LIVE WEBINAR

June 18, 2026
7 - 8:30 p.m.

There are lots of things that can hurt the health of your woods, from insects to invasive plants. Learn what a healthy forest looks like and threats those woodlands might face.

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LEARN ORGANIZATIONS THAT HELP WOODLAND OWNERS

LIVE WEBINAR

June 23, 2026
7 - 8:30 p.m.

Did you know that numerous resources are available for woodland owners? Discover more about them in this upcoming webinar.

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DID YOU KNOW?

You have the opportunity to connect with more than 15 woodland owner agencies ready to assist with your questions about woodland ownership.

@ WOODLAND OWNER EXTRAVAGANZA!

July 18 OR August 8

<https://KYWOSC.org>

Landowner Field Day - Clay WMA

June 10 | 9 am - 4 pm EST
Clay WMA - Carlisle, KY

Kentucky State University's Forestry and Natural Resources Extension Program is excited to co-host a field day for landowners at Clay Wildlife Management Area (WMA)! Landowners and other natural area managers are invited to spend the day in the field learning about the value of Central Kentucky's forests and observing management practices the WMA team has implemented.



Landowner Field Day - Clay WMA

[Learn More & Sign Up](#)



***"From the Woods Today": Wednesdays at 11 a.m. ET.** You can watch via Zoom or Facebook Live Links to live shows are posted just before the show. **Join live or watch recorded shows later at the website at www.fromthewoodstoday.com**

Need Help in the Woods?

Bookmark the [Quick Reference Links](#) on KWOA website[[home page](#) at [kwoa.net](#)]

- **Kentucky Division of Forestry (KDF) Vendors List:** [HERE](#) and https://eec.ky.gov/Natural-Resources/Forestry/Documents/Statewide_Vendor_List_2-8-17.pdf
- **Kentucky Association of Consulting Foresters lists** at [KYACF.org](#)
- **Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and Farm Service Agency (FSA) are the primary source of information on programs to help you carry out management practices on your land. Use this link to find your local office** [Local USDA Service Center](#)
- **UK Forestry and Natural Resources Cooperative Extension** offers a wealth of helpful publications and programming; learn more <https://forestry.ca.uky.edu/extension>. Also find [your county office](#) and then know you are interested in forestry related programs.

Planning a Harvest?

A Kentucky Master Logger must be on-site and in charge of every commercial logging operation (excluding horse loggers). Kentucky's best management practices must be used in every commercial logging operation (including horse loggers). Best to Check Out These Resources:

- Kentucky Master Logger Program: [masterlogger.ca.uky.edu](#)
- Kentucky Division of Forestry: [forestry.ky.gov](#)
- Bad Actor Information & List: [masterlogger.ca.uky.edu/bad-actor-information](#)
- Kentucky Association of Consulting Foresters: [KYACF.org](#)

Just so you know...

- If you haven't already joined the KWOA network, [click here to join](#).
- KWOA members receive a 10% discount at **Forestry Suppliers**. Get the *code* when you join! Note the code is on your emailed receipt when you join or renew online.
- You can share our news! See the links at the bottom of this message.
- You can always contact us; send a message to info@kwoa.net with questions, suggestions, news, or to volunteer.

Growing Forests for Our Future! KWOA volunteers work year-round, providing opportunities that benefit Kentucky's woodland owners and contribute to sustainable forestry.

KWOA Mission

Bringing people and woodland sustainability together

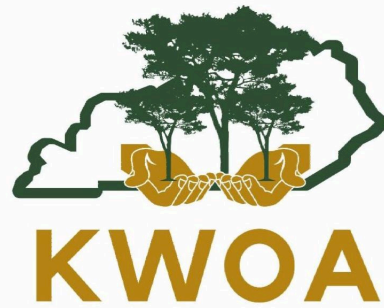
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