

## Resource List

Web addresses are provided for many publications here. Most can also be obtained in hard copy, often for free, by contacting the publisher. We have provided contact information for the University of Maryland, Penn State, and Virginia Tech Cooperative Extension publications offices because those are the most common sources listed here. Check the Extension organizations in your own state for their available resources.

The Web addresses listed here represent just a few of the many possible sources of information. Web searches will bring up many additional sources. Resources from “.edu” sites are unbiased and research-based. Government Web sites (“.gov”) also provide good sources of unbiased information. The website addresses were current as of July 2026. Please visit the “Beyond the Workshop” page at [go.umd.edu/woodland](http://go.umd.edu/woodland) for more resources.

### *University of Maryland - AGNR Publications*

Room 0300 Symons Hall, Bldg. 076, College Park, MD 20742

<http://extension.umd.edu/learn>

E-mail: [agnrpublications@umd.edu](mailto:agnrpublications@umd.edu)

Ph: 301-405-4582

### *The Pennsylvania State University: Guides and Publications*

323 Agricultural Administration Building University Park, PA 16802-2602

<https://extension.psu.edu/shopby>

Ph: 877-345-0691

E-mail: [agpubsdist@psu.edu](mailto:agpubsdist@psu.edu)

### *Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University Extension Distribution Center*

112 Landsdowne Street (0512)

Blacksburg, VA 24061

Ph: 540-231-1320

Virginia Forest Landowner Update. <http://forestupdate.frec.vt.edu/newsletter/>

Topics are listed in alphabetical order.

### **Aerial photos and topographic maps**

For Maryland: <http://dnrweb.dnr.state.md.us/MERLIN/>

For Virginia: <https://vgin.maps.arcgis.com/home/webmap/viewer.html?useExisting=1>

For the U.S. and the globe: <https://www.google.com/earth/>.

### **Brush piles**

*Wildlife Management: Brush Piles*. Tjaden, B., and J. Kays, University of Maryland Cooperative Extension. Fact Sheet #599, 2003.

<https://extension.umd.edu/resource/wildlife-management-brush-piles>

### **Buy seedlings from state nursery**

Virginia Department of Forestry - Department of Forestry Seedling Store: 540-363-7000.

<https://buyvatrees.com/>

Maryland Department of Natural Resources - John S. Ayton State Tree Nursery: 1-800-TREESMD. <http://dnr.maryland.gov/forests/Pages/nursery.aspx>

Pennsylvania Game Commission - Howard Nursery.

<http://www.pgc.pa.gov/InformationResources/GetInvolved/HowardNursery/Pages/default.aspx>

### **Chosen tree release (also known as crop tree release)**

*Management Practices for Enhancing Wildlife Habitat*. M. C. Brittingham.

<https://extension.psu.edu/management-practices-for-enhancing-wildlife-habitat>

*Technical Guide to Crop Tree Release in Hardwood Forests*, Gary W. Miller, Jeffrey W. Stringer, David C. Merker. <https://research.fs.usda.gov/treesearch/14228>

*Crop Tree Management: Quick Reference* (USDA Forest Service)

<https://extension.umd.edu/sites/extension.umd.edu/files/2022-05/Crop-Tree-Management-in-Eastern-Hardwoods.pdf>

*Crop Tree Management: A Tool to Help You Achieve Your Woodland Goals*. Apsley, D.K., and R. Heiligmann, Ohio State University Fact Sheet F-50.

<https://ohioline.osu.edu/factsheet/f-50>

### **County cooperative extension offices**

Virginia Directory of Local Extension Offices. <https://ext.vt.edu/offices.html>

Local Maryland Extension Offices. <https://agmr.umd.edu/about/directory>

Penn State Cooperative Extension County Directory. <http://extension.psu.edu/counties>

### **Enhancing wildlife habitat**

*Habitat at Home* (Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries)

<https://dwr.virginia.gov/wp-content/uploads/media/Habitat-at-Home.pdf>

*Backyard Conservation*. USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service.

<https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/state-offices/texas/backyard-conservation>

*Wildlife Habitats: A Practical Guide for Forest Landowners*. Hobson, S.S., J.S. Barclay, and S.H. Broderick, Northeast Regional Agricultural Engineering Service NRAES-64, 1993. Available as used textbooks through [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com).

*Enhancing Your Backyard Habitat for Wildlife*. Picone, Peter M., Connecticut

Department of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Natural Resources Wildlife Division, 1995. <https://portal.ct.gov/->

[/media/DEEP/wildlife/pdf\\_files/habitat/EnhancingBackyardHabitatpdf.pdf](https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/DEEP/wildlife/pdf_files/habitat/EnhancingBackyardHabitatpdf.pdf)

*Landscaping for Wildlife: Trees, Shrubs, and Vines*. Brittingham, M.C. Pennsylvania Wildlife No. 7, Penn State Cooperative Extension, 2017.

<https://extension.psu.edu/landscaping-for-wildlife-trees-shrubs-and-vines>

*Management Practices for Enhancing Wildlife Habitat*. Brittingham, M.C., Penn State Cooperative Extension, 2017. <https://extension.psu.edu/management-practices-for-enhancing-wildlife-habitat>

*Sustaining America's Aquatic Biodiversity: Salamander Biodiversity and Conservation*.

Bishop, D., and C. Haas, Virginia Tech Pub. 420-528, 2003.

<https://pubs.ext.vt.edu/420/420-528/420-528.html>

*Sustaining America's Aquatic Biodiversity: Turtle Biodiversity and Conservation*.

Mitchell, J.C., and K.A. Buhlmann. Virginia Tech Pub. 420-529, 2003.

<https://pubs.ext.vt.edu/420/420-529/420-529.html>

*Enhancement of Wildlife Habitat on Private Lands*. Decker, D.J., and J.W. Kelley, Cornell Cooperative Extension, Dept. of Natural Resources Resource Center, 1998.

<https://ecommons.cornell.edu/handle/1813/72>

*Managing Michigan Wildlife: A Landowners Guide.* Sargent, M.S., and Carter, K.S., ed., Michigan United Conservation Clubs, 1999.

<https://www.csu.edu/cerc/researchreports/documents/ManagingMichigansWildlife1999.pdf>

Virginia Tech Fish and Wildlife Conservation. <https://fishwild.vt.edu/>

### **Firewood cutting**

*Managing Your Woodlot for Firewood.* Marcouiller, D., and S. Anderson, Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service F-9439. <https://ag.ok.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/Forestry-landowner-assistance-Managing-Your-Woodlot-for-Firewood.pdf>

Maryland Department of Natural Resources Firewood Policy  
<https://dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands/pages/firewood.aspx>

### **Food plots**

*Wildlife Management: Planting Crops for Wildlife.* Wade, R., University of Maryland Cooperative Extension Fact Sheet #598.

<https://extension.umd.edu/sites/extension.umd.edu/files/2021-03/FS598-WMgtPlantCrops4Wildlife.pdf>

### **Forest and backyard woods management**

*Forest Resource Management: A Landowner's Guide to Getting Started.* Sullivan, K. L., P.J. Smallidge, et al., Natural Resource, Agriculture, and Engineering Service NRAES-151, 2004. <https://ecommons.cornell.edu/handle/1813/69464>

*The Woodland Steward: A Practical Guide to the Management of Small, Private Forests.* Fazio, J.R., Round River Publishing Co., 1994. Available from Amazon.com: <https://www.amazon.com/woodland-steward-practical-management-private/dp/0961503106>

*Working with Your Woodland: A Landowner's Guide.* Beattie, M., M., C. Thompson, and L. Levine, University Press of New England, 1993. <https://www.amazon.com/Working-Your-Woodland-Landowners-Revised/dp/0874516226>

*Backyard Woods: Bring Your Vision to Life.* USDA Forest Service Publication #NA-IN-02-05, 2005. <https://www.nacdnet.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/Backyard-Woods-publication.pdf>

## Forest health

*Forest Pest Management* (Maryland Department of Agriculture)

[https://mda.maryland.gov/plants-pests/Pages/forest\\_pest\\_management.aspx](https://mda.maryland.gov/plants-pests/Pages/forest_pest_management.aspx)

*Forest Insects and Disease* (Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources)

<https://www.dcnr.pa.gov/Conservation/ForestsAndTrees/InsectsAndDiseases/Pages/default.aspx>

*Maryland Forest Health Highlights 2024* (USDA Forest Service & Maryland Department of Natural Resources)

[https://www.fs.usda.gov/foresthealth/docs/fhh/MD\\_FHH\\_2024.pdf](https://www.fs.usda.gov/foresthealth/docs/fhh/MD_FHH_2024.pdf)

*Virginia Forest Health* (Virginia Department of Forestry) <https://dof.virginia.gov/forest-management-health/forest-health/>

## Forestry equipment

Forestry Suppliers - 800-647-5368 [www.forestry-suppliers.com/](http://www.forestry-suppliers.com/)

Bailey's, Inc. <https://www.baileyonline.com/>

## Herbicide use and application

*Herbicides and Forest Vegetation Management* (Penn State University Extension)

<https://extension.psu.edu/herbicides-and-forest-vegetation-management>

*Using Hack-and-Squirt Herbicide Applications to Control Unwanted Trees* (Penn State University Extension) <https://extension.psu.edu/using-hack-and-squirt-herbicide-applications-to-control-unwanted-trees>

*Backpack Sprayer Calibration for Woodland Applications* (Penn State University Extension) <https://extension.psu.edu/backpack-sprayer-calibration-for-woodland-applications>

*Manual Herbicide Application Methods for Managing Vegetation in Appalachian Hardwood Forests*. Kochenderfer, J. D., Kochenderfer, J. N., & Miller, G. W. U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, Forest Service, Northern Research Station, 2012.

[https://img1.wsimg.com/blobby/go/8b631db0-6c64-4ded-88b1-89a5713160c3/downloads/USDA%20Herbicide%20Application%20Manual\\_abbreviated%20.pdf?ver=1558364369127](https://img1.wsimg.com/blobby/go/8b631db0-6c64-4ded-88b1-89a5713160c3/downloads/USDA%20Herbicide%20Application%20Manual_abbreviated%20.pdf?ver=1558364369127)

## **Invasive and exotic plants**

Invasive and Exotic Species of North America. <http://www.invasive.org/>

*Nonnative invasive plants of southern forests: a field guide for identification and control* (Southern Research Station USDA Forest Service)

[http://www.srs.fs.usda.gov/pubs/gtr/gtr\\_srs062/](http://www.srs.fs.usda.gov/pubs/gtr/gtr_srs062/)

*Virginia Invasive Plants* (Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation) [http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/natural\\_heritage/invspinfo.shtml](http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/natural_heritage/invspinfo.shtml)

*Invasive Species Publications* (University of Georgia, USDA Forest Service, USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, & USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture) <https://www.invasive.org/library>

*The Future of Forests under a Changing Climate: Opportunities and Challenges* (Penn State Extension) <https://extension.psu.edu/the-future-of-forests-under-a-changing-climate-opportunities-and-challenges>

*Invasive Plants* (Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources) <https://www.dcnr.pa.gov/Conservation/WildPlants/InvasivePlants/Pages/default.aspx>

*Plant Invaders of Mid-Atlantic Natural Areas* (National Park Service and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Chesapeake Bay Field Office)

<https://bugwoodcloud.org/imageSites/pdf/midatlantic-print.pdf> (print version)

<https://bugwoodcloud.org/imageSites/pdf/midatlantic-web.pdf> (online version/PDF)

*Native Plants for Wildlife Habitat and Conservation Landscaping in Maryland* (US Fish & Wildlife Service)

<https://dnr.maryland.gov/criticalarea/Documents/chesapeake natives.pdf>

## **Managing liability during recreation access**

Landowner Liability and Recreation Access - University of Maryland Extension Woodland Stewardship Education.

[https://extension.umd.edu/sites/extension.umd.edu/files/publications/EB357\\_LandownerLiabilityRecAccess.pdf](https://extension.umd.edu/sites/extension.umd.edu/files/publications/EB357_LandownerLiabilityRecAccess.pdf)

## **Managing wildlife damage**

Wildlife Damage Control - University of Maryland Extension Woodland Stewardship Education. <https://extension.umd.edu/resource/wildlife-damage-control>

Forest Threats-Wildlife - University of Maryland Extension Woodland Stewardship Education. <https://extension.umd.edu/resource/forest-threats-wildlife>

Help with Human-Wildlife Conflicts (Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources) <https://dwr.virginia.gov/wildlife/nuisance/>

Help with Human-Wildlife Conflicts (Virginia Cooperative Extension) <https://www.pubs.ext.vt.edu/search-results.html?q=Managing+Wildlife+Damage>

*Managing White-Tailed Deer in Suburban Environments: A Technical Guide.* DeNicola, A., K. VerCauteren, P. Curtis, and S. Hygnstrom, Cornell Cooperative Extension, Dept. of Natural Resources Resource Center, 2000. <https://ecommons.cornell.edu/handle/1813/65>

*Wildlife Nuisance and Damage Series* (Penn State Cooperative Extension) <https://extension.psu.edu/forests-and-wildlife/wildlife/wildlife-nuisance-and-damage>

*Wildlife Damage Management: Resistance of Ornamentals to Deer Damage.* Kays, J., M.V. Bartlett, and L. Curtis, Maryland Cooperative Extension Fact Sheet #655, 2003. <https://extension.umd.edu/resource/resistance-ornamentals-deer-damage-fs-655>

*Managing Deer Damage in Maryland.* Kays, J., Maryland Cooperative Extension Bulletin #354, 2003. <https://extension.umd.edu/resource/managing-deer-damage-maryland-eb-354>

*Vole Damage Control in Forest Plantations.* Sharew, H., and J.S. Kays, Maryland DNR Forest Service, 2005. [https://dnr.maryland.gov/forests/documents/publications/vole\\_damage.pdf](https://dnr.maryland.gov/forests/documents/publications/vole_damage.pdf)

*Managing White-Tailed Deer in Suburban Environments: A Technical Guide.* DeNicola, A., VerCauteren, K., Curtis, P., and Hygnstrom, S. Cornell Cooperative Extension, 2000. <https://ecommons.cornell.edu/handle/1813/65>

### **Mowing/Landscaping**

*Enhancing Wildlife Habitat on Farmlands.* Bakermans, M.H., and A.D. Rodewald, Ohio State University Extension W- 14-2002, 2002. <https://woodlandstewards.osu.edu/sites/woodlands/files/imce/0014.pdf>

*Mowing Cycles for Wildlife* (Maryland Department of Natural Resources)  
<https://dnr.maryland.gov/wildlife/documents/wamowing.pdf>

Chesapeake Conservation Landscaping Council. <http://www.chesapeakelandscape.org/>

Plant Virginia Natives. <https://www.plantvirginianatives.org/>

### **Natural lands income options**

*Forest Farming* (US Department of Agriculture National Agroforestry Center) <https://www.fs.usda.gov/nac/practices/forest-farming.php>

*Forest Farming* (Virginia Cooperative Extension) <https://ext.vt.edu/natural-resources/forest-farming.html>

*Natural Resource Income Opportunities* (University of Maryland Extension)  
<https://extension.umd.edu/programs/environment-natural-resources/program-areas/woodland-stewardship-education/your-woodland/publications-resources/natural-resource-income-opportunities>

*Agricultural Alternatives* (Penn State University Extension)  
<https://extension.psu.edu/business-and-operations/starting-a-farm/ag-alternatives>

Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education. <https://www.sare.org/>

*Forest Landowner's Guide to Evaluating and Choosing a Natural Resource-Based Enterprise*. Kays, J.S., and J. Drohan, Natural Resource, Agriculture, and Engineering Service, Cornell University NRAES-151, 2005.  
<https://ecommons.cornell.edu/entities/publication/d2df8a04-f2ef-4aa4-bd4b-872b4feb075c>

### **Planting trees**

*Tree Planting* (U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service). [https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/sites/default/files/2022-09/Texas\\_Conservation\\_in\\_Your\\_Backyard\\_Tree\\_Planting-Accessible.pdf](https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/sites/default/files/2022-09/Texas_Conservation_in_Your_Backyard_Tree_Planting-Accessible.pdf)

*Shrubs: Functions, Planting, and Maintenance*. Niemiera, Alex X., Virginia Tech Pub. 426-701, 2009. <https://www.pubs.ext.vt.edu/426/426-701/426-701.html>

*Planting Trees*. Niemiera, Alex X., Virginia Tech Pub. 426-702, 2009. <https://www.pubs.ext.vt.edu/426/426-702/426-702.html>

*Tree and Shrub Planting Guidelines*. Appleton, B.L., and S. French, Virginia Tech Pub. 430-295, 1996. <https://vtechworks.lib.vt.edu/bitstream/handle/10919/70666/430-295.pdf>

*Neighborly Natural Landscaping: Creating Natural Environments in Residential Areas*. M. C. Brittingham, Penn State University Extension. <https://extension.psu.edu/neighborly-natural-landscaping-in-residential-areas>

*Northeastern Tree Planting and Reforestation*. Ochterski, Jim, P. Smallidge and J. Ward, Cornell University Cooperative Extension, USDA Renewable Resources Extension Program, USDA Forest Service Northeastern Area State and Private Forestry, & NY State Dept. of Environmental Conservation, 2009. <https://cpb-us-e1.wpmucdn.com/blogs.cornell.edu/dist/d/5957/files/2015/03/TreePlantingBulletin12-09-2hulv59.pdf>

*Planting Hardwood Seedlings*. USDA Forest Service, Northeast Area State Foresters, and Department of Forestry and Natural Resources, Purdue University, FNR 134. [www.extension.purdue.edu/extmedia/FNR/FNR-134.pdf](http://www.extension.purdue.edu/extmedia/FNR/FNR-134.pdf)

From Turf to Trees: Converting Lawn to Forest - University of Maryland Extension. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DN13n2gxeLk>

Backyard Conservation-Tree Planting - USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service. <https://nrcspad.sc.egov.usda.gov/distributioncenter/product.aspx?ProductID=51>

Shrubs: Functions, Planting, and Maintenance - Virginia Cooperative Extension. <https://www.pubs.ext.vt.edu/426/426-701/426-701.html>

Planting Trees - Virginia Cooperative Extension. <https://www.pubs.ext.vt.edu/426/426-702/426-702.html>

### **Pruning trees**

*How to Prune Trees*. USDA Forest Service Forest Service Publication NA-FR-01-95. [https://www.dec.ny.gov/docs/lands\\_forests\\_pdf/prunetree.pdf](https://www.dec.ny.gov/docs/lands_forests_pdf/prunetree.pdf)

*Managing Winter Injury to Trees and Shrubs*. Relf, D. Virginia Tech Pub. 426-500, 2001. [https://vtechworks.lib.vt.edu/bitstream/handle/10919/48754/426-500\\_pdf.pdf](https://vtechworks.lib.vt.edu/bitstream/handle/10919/48754/426-500_pdf.pdf)

*A Guide to Successful Pruning: Pruning Basics and Tools*. French, S.C., and B.L. Appleton, Virginia Tech Pub. 430-455, 1999. [https://vtechworks.lib.vt.edu/bitstream/handle/10919/48781/430-455\\_pdf.pdf](https://vtechworks.lib.vt.edu/bitstream/handle/10919/48781/430-455_pdf.pdf)

### **Riparian buffers**

*Understanding the Science Behind Riparian Forest Buffers: Planning, Establishment, and Maintenance* (Virginia Cooperative Extension).

[https://vtechworks.lib.vt.edu/bitstream/handle/10919/48066/420-155\\_pdf.pdf](https://vtechworks.lib.vt.edu/bitstream/handle/10919/48066/420-155_pdf.pdf)

*Riparian Buffer Systems* (University of Maryland Extension).

<https://extension.umd.edu/programs/environment-natural-resources/program-areas/riparian-buffer-systems>

### **Soil surveys**

U.S. Department of Agriculture-Natural Resource Conservation Service. Web Soil Survey. <https://websoilsurvey.nrcs.usda.gov/app/>

### **Soil testing**

Contact the agriculture or forestry department at your state's university to locate a soil-testing lab and get directions for collecting soil.

US Department of Agriculture Service Center Agencies Online Services. This site will help you to find the nearest USDA Service Center, where you can ask about soil surveys, cost share program, and other assistance. [www.sc.egov.usda.gov/](http://www.sc.egov.usda.gov/)

### **State forestry departments**

Maryland Department of Natural Resources Forest Service.

<http://dnr.maryland.gov/forests/Pages/default.aspx>

Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Bureau of Forestry.

<https://www.dcnr.pa.gov/about/Pages/Forestry.aspx>

Virginia Department of Forestry. <http://www.dof.virginia.gov/>

### **State wildlife departments**

Maryland Department of Natural Resources Forest

Service. <http://dnr.maryland.gov/forests/Pages/default.aspx>

Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Bureau of

Forestry. <https://www.dcnr.pa.gov/about/Pages/Forestry.aspx>

Virginia Department of Forestry. <https://dof.virginia.gov/>

## Trail and road design and construction

*A Handbook for Trail Design, Construction and Maintenance.*

northcountrytrail.org. [https://northcountrytrail.org/files/trail-management/NCT%20Handbook\\_Planning-Design-Construction-Maintenance\\_2019.pdf](https://northcountrytrail.org/files/trail-management/NCT%20Handbook_Planning-Design-Construction-Maintenance_2019.pdf)

*Recreational Forest Trails: Plan for Success.* Bardon, Robert E. (revisions), L. Harkins and M.A. Megalos, North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service, 2003. <https://content.ces.ncsu.edu/recreational-forest-trails-plan-for-success>

*Trail Design for Small Properties.* Baughan, Mel, T. Serres, University of Minnesota Extension Service, 2006. <https://conservancy.umn.edu/server/api/core/bitstreams/57d42ae4-a989-476a-a253-1a01450ca3fd/content>

## Tree identification

*Virginia Trees* (Virginia Department of Forestry). <https://dof.virginia.gov/education-and-recreation/learn-about-education-recreation/tree-identification/>

*Common Trees of Pennsylvania* (Pennsylvania Bureau of Forestry). [https://elibrary.dcnr.pa.gov/GetDocument?docId=1742149&DocName=sf-CommonTrees2014\\_online.pdf](https://elibrary.dcnr.pa.gov/GetDocument?docId=1742149&DocName=sf-CommonTrees2014_online.pdf)

*Leaf Keys to Common Trees in Maryland* (Maryland Cooperative Extension Bulletin #238). <https://extension.umd.edu/resource/leaf-key-common-trees-maryland-extension-bulletin-238>

*Leaf identification key to eighty-eight Ohio trees.* Apsley, D.K., and K.L. Smith, Ohio State University Extension Bulletin 899, 2002. <https://extensionpubs.osu.edu/leaf-identification-key-to-eighty-eight-ohio-trees/>. PDF available at <https://woodlandstewards.osu.edu/sites/woodlands/files/d6/files/pubfiles/b899-leaf%20key.pdf>

*Common Trees of Ohio* (Ohio Department of Natural Resources). <https://ohiodnr.gov/discover-and-learn/plants-trees/common-trees-ohio/common-trees-ohio>

*Tree ID Key* (Virginia Tech University). <https://dendro.cnre.vt.edu/dendrology/landowner.cfm>

Virginia Tech vTree app for Android.

[https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=org.pottssoftware.agps21&feature=search\\_re%20sult#?t=W251bGwsMSwyLDEslm9yZy5wb3R0c3NvZnR3YXJlMFnchHMyMSJd](https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=org.pottssoftware.agps21&feature=search_re%20sult#?t=W251bGwsMSwyLDEslm9yZy5wb3R0c3NvZnR3YXJlMFnchHMyMSJd)

Virginia Tech vTree app for Apple iPhone.

<https://apps.apple.com/us/app/vtree/id576191197>

Many states make available through county cooperative extension offices a guide to the common trees of the state. In addition, there are dozens of commercially available guides such as the *Peterson Field Guide to Trees and Shrubs*, which has an excellent key that will help you through the identification process step-by-step. The Audubon Society's Guide to Trees contains excellent pictures but lacks a good key for identifying trees and shrubs. Look for these and other guidebooks in your local library or bookstore.

### Tree selection

*Forest Landowner Fact Sheets* (Virginia Tech University) <http://dendro.cnre.vt.edu/dendrology/landowner.cfm>

*Tree Guide* (Arbor Day Foundation) [www.arborday.org/trees/treeguide/](http://www.arborday.org/trees/treeguide/)

*Silvics of North America* (Forest Service Handbook 654, US Department of Agriculture (USDA) Forest Service): Volume 1 – Conifers.

[https://www.srs.fs.usda.gov/pubs/misc/ag\\_654\\_vol1.pdf](https://www.srs.fs.usda.gov/pubs/misc/ag_654_vol1.pdf)

*Silvics of North America* (Forest Service Handbook 654, US Department of Agriculture (USDA) Forest Service): Volume 2 – Hardwoods.

[https://www.srs.fs.usda.gov/pubs/misc/uncaptured/ag\\_654\\_vol2.pdf](https://www.srs.fs.usda.gov/pubs/misc/uncaptured/ag_654_vol2.pdf)

Virginia Street Tree Assessment Project.

<https://www.streets.uf.frec.vt.edu/treeselection.html>

### Tree shelters

*A Short Description of Plastic Tree Shelter Use by PA-TACF*. Jacobson, M., and D. Jackson, Penn State University, 2004.

<https://extension.umd.edu/sites/extension.umd.edu/files/2022-05/A%20Short%20Description%20of%20Plastic%20Tree%20Shelter%20Use%20by%20PA-TACF%20Treeshelers.pdf>

### Water-based habitat management

*Management Practices for Enhancing Wildlife Habitat*. M. C. Brittingham, Penn State Cooperative Extension, 2017. <https://extension.psu.edu/management-practices-for-enhancing-wildlife-habitat>

The Vernal Pool Association. [www.vernalpool.org/](http://www.vernalpool.org/)

### **Wildland fire safety**

*Firewise Living in Maryland* (Maryland Department of Natural Resources). <https://dnr.maryland.gov/forests/Pages/fire/firewise.aspx>

*Wildfire* (Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources). <https://www.dcnr.pa.gov/Communities/Wildfire/Pages/default.aspx>

*Building Firewise* (Virginia Department of Forestry). <https://dof.virginia.gov/wildland-prescribed-fire/wildfire-preparation/building-firewise/>

*Firewise WV* (West Virginia Division of Forestry). <https://wvforestry.com/firewise-wv/>

### **Wildlife tracks**

Animal Tracks Identification Guide. <https://www.greenbelly.co/pages/animal-tracks-identification-guide>

Wildlife Tracks. <http://www.lifedraw.com/tracks/tracksport.html>

*Peterson Field Guide to Animal Tracks*. Murie, O.J., M. Elbroch, and R.T. Peterson, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2005. [https://www.amazon.com/Peterson-Field-Guide-Animal-Tracks-dp-061851743X/dp/061851743X/ref=dp\\_ob\\_title\\_bk](https://www.amazon.com/Peterson-Field-Guide-Animal-Tracks-dp-061851743X/dp/061851743X/ref=dp_ob_title_bk)

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### **For more information**

Forests For The Bay – working with landowners to keep the Chesapeake Bay and its watersheds healthy. <https://www.forestsforthebay.org/index.cfm>

Virginia Forest Landowner Education Program. <http://forestupdate.frec.vt.edu/>

Maryland Department of Natural Resources Forest Service. Licensed Tree Experts Information. <http://dnr.maryland.gov/forests/Pages/programapps/newtreeexpert.aspx>

### **Volunteer Opportunities**

Maryland Woodland Stewards program, University of Maryland Extension. <https://extension.umd.edu/programs/environment-natural->

[resources/program-areas/woodland-stewardship-education/maryland-woodland-stewards](#)

Pennsylvania Forest Stewards program, Penn State  
Extension. <https://ecosystems.psu.edu/research/centers/private-forests/outreach/pennsylvania-forest-stewards>

Maryland Master Naturalists program, University of Maryland  
Extension. <https://extension.umd.edu/programs/environment-natural-resources/program-areas/master-naturalist-program>

Virginia Master Naturalists program. <http://www.virginiamasternaturalist.org/>