



# Woodland Owner

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Margaret Miller, Minister of Natural Resources presenting the award to the Spicers

## Woodland Owner of the Year Award 2017 Celebrations!

The Nova Scotia Woodland Owner of the Year Award has recognized outstanding woodland stewards since 1990. The award rewards and promotes landowners who practice sustainable stewardship of their land.

It encourages other woodland owners to manage their woodlands sustainably, and increases public awareness of the importance of small private woodland in Nova Scotia. Peter and Pat Spicer, this year's central region winners, also took the title of the provincial woodland owner of the year. David Bent received the title for the western region. This year, for the first time since the establishment of the award, there was no winner for eastern region.



DNR Wildlife Biologist Kim George demonstrates aspects of wildlife adaptations to one of the 140 local school children who attended the Spicer family's Kids in the Forest field day

## CENTRAL AND PROVINCIAL FIELD DAY SEPTEMBER 30

About 300 people attended the field day in celebration of the Spicers' achievement. The event attracted people from all walks of life including woodland owners, political leaders, forest service providers, industry professionals and the general public.

Margaret Miller, Minister of Natural Resources, presented the award to the Spicers and congratulated both the Spicers and Mr. David Bent, the western winner, for all the great work they have done over the years to support and promote sound management of our natural resources.



Minister Margaret Miller shares a laugh with DNR foresters Don Cameron and Simon Mutabazi during Peter Spicer's thank you speech after receiving the NS Woodland Owner of the Year Award.

*"My family and I totally enjoyed everything about the experience of hosting the Department of Natural Resources Woodland Owner of the Year Award field day on our family woodlot and would encourage other woodlot owners to host this event if the opportunity arises."*



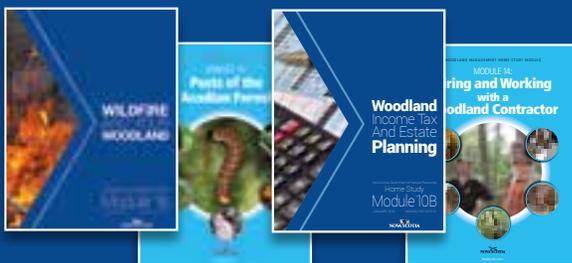
Premier Stephen McNeil congratulates David Bent

## WESTERN CELEBRATION

SEPTEMBER 23RD IN SOUTH WILLIAMSTON, ANNAPOLIS COUNTY

David Bent warmly welcomed crowds to his woodland on an exceptionally warm fall day. About 200 people attended the field day on September 23rd, 2017 in South Williamston, Annapolis County, including MLA Keith Irving who presented the award to the Bent family on behalf of the Natural Resources Minister. MLA Irving applauded the

## Woodland Management Home Study Program

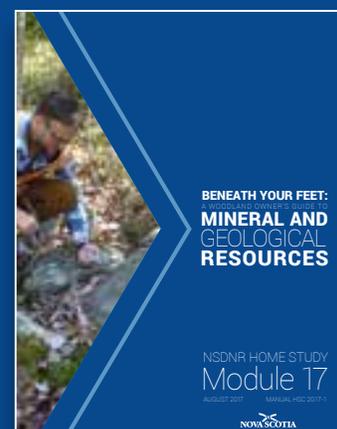


The home study program includes 18 different modules that cover a wide range of topics related to woodland stewardship and sustainable land management. We are currently in the process of adding a new module about mineral resources on a woodlot. Participating in the program is free and open to anyone. Each booklet is comprised of helpful tips, case studies and chapter quizzes to help you remember the material. Contact us to receive your free copy of any or all of the modules.

### Coming Soon:

#### MODULE 17: BENEATH YOUR FEET: A WOODLAND OWNER'S GUIDE TO MINERAL AND GEOLOGICAL RESOURCES

This home study module will cover geological resources that could be on your woodlot, ownership and regulation of those resources, development of those resources and the geo-hazards that may be on your woodlot. If you would like to get a copy of this module please call us today and a copy will be sent as soon as the module is printed.



efforts taken by the Bent family as a positive contribution to both Nova Scotia's economy and environment. Premier Stephen McNeil also came to witness Bent's achievements and to congratulate him and his family for their woodland management.

The field day events included a tour of the property and an opportunity to learn about pre-commercial thinning, selection management, boundary lines, and a portable sawmill. There were informative displays by local businesses related to forestry and outdoor activities.



Local students learning outdoor recreational activities at the Bents woodlot

## The hemlock woolly adelgid

The hemlock woolly adelgid (HWA), *Adelges tsugae* (Annand), is a major invasive pest of hemlock in eastern North America. A native of Asia and western North America, HWA was first detected in Virginia in the 1950s, presumably introduced on infested imported

nursery stock. The HWA has since spread throughout much of the eastern United States causing extensive devastation to the region's hemlock forests.

The small aphid-like pests feed on the sap of the needles and twigs causing needles to die and drop, impeding new growth, and creating stem die-back. Under favourable conditions, complete defoliation and mortality may occur within 3-5 years of an infestation.

In 2017, HWA was detected in western Nova Scotia, in Yarmouth, Digby, Shelburne, Queens and Annapolis counties. The department is collaborating with the Canadian Food Inspection Agency and Canadian Forestry Service to determine the extent of this newly detected infestation and develop management options.

## New Publications

A list of forestry-related publications recently acquired can be found at: [novascotia.ca/natr/library/publications/forestry.asp](http://novascotia.ca/natr/library/publications/forestry.asp)

Current list includes:

1. A Field Guide to Forest Biodiversity Stewardship
2. A Field Guide to Pests of the Acadian Forest, 2nd edition ([novascotia.ca/natr/woodlot/pdf/Woodlot-Field-Guide-to-Pests-of-the-Acadian-Forest.pdf](http://novascotia.ca/natr/woodlot/pdf/Woodlot-Field-Guide-to-Pests-of-the-Acadian-Forest.pdf))
3. Spruce – Pine Management Guide
4. Intolerant Hardwood Management Guide
5. Tolerant Softwood and Mixedwood Management Guide
6. Tolerant Hardwood Management Guide



## UPCOMING EVENTS

# Events Calendar

**February 2, 2018**

Groundhog Day at the Wildlife Park

**February 23-25, 2018**

**Hunting and Fishing Guides Course**

Offered by the Nova Scotia Guides Association at the Brooklyn Community Hall (Queens County, NS). **Course fee is \$200** (includes lunchtime meal).

Contact: [vinalsmith@eastlink.ca](mailto:vinalsmith@eastlink.ca) or (902) 356-2498

**Forest Biodiversity Stewardship Workshops**

The workshops will provide an overview of special habitat and species of concern, valuable information on important biodiversity features, practical information on sustainable and responsible use and conservation of our forest and the biodiversity it supports. If you are interested in attending please call us to book your space:

**Mar 23, 2018: 6:30 - 9:30 pm**

Antigonish DNR Office, 190 Beech Hill Rd

CONTACT: [Simon.mutabazi@novascotia.ca](mailto:Simon.mutabazi@novascotia.ca) or 902 424 5444. Toll-free 1-866-226-7577

Cell: 902 430 0815 ..... **COST: \$20.00**

**Mar 24, 2018: 10 am - 1 pm**

Sydney, DNR Office, 300 Mountain Rd

CONTACT: [Jason.chard@novascotia.ca](mailto:Jason.chard@novascotia.ca)

or 902 295 3929 ..... **COST: \$20.00**

**Feb 23, 2018: 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm**

NSCC Truro Campus, 36 Arthur St, Room 229

CONTACT: [Simon.mutabazi@novascotia.ca](mailto:Simon.mutabazi@novascotia.ca) or 902 424 5444. Toll-free 1-866-226-7577

Cell: 902 430 0815 ..... **COST: \$20.00**

**Feb 24, 2018: 10 am - 1 pm**

NSCC Springhill Campus, 1 Main St

CONTACT: [Don.cameron@novascotia.ca](mailto:Don.cameron@novascotia.ca)

or 902 8936415 ..... **COST: \$20.00**

**Apr 20, 2018: 6:30 - 9:30 pm**

Lunenburg DNR Office, 312 Green St

CONTACT: [Simon.mutabazi@novascotia.ca](mailto:Simon.mutabazi@novascotia.ca) or 902 424 5444. Toll-free 1-866-226-7577

Cell: 902 430 0815 ..... **COST: \$20.00**

**April 21, 2018: 10 am - 1 pm**

Lawrencetown Fire Hall, 312 Green St,

Lawrencetown, Annapolis County

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or 902 653 0209 ..... **COST: \$20.00**

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## Field Guide to Forest Biodiversity Stewardship

The recently published guide provides valuable information for anyone with an interest in Nova Scotia's forests and their biodiversity. The guide describes important biodiversity features, and presents practical information on the responsible use and conservation of our forests and the biodiversity they support. To obtain a hard copy, contact the Department of Natural Resources library by email at [dnr.library@novascotia.ca](mailto:dnr.library@novascotia.ca), (902) 424-8633 or visit: [novascotia.ca/natr/library/publications/forestry.asp](http://novascotia.ca/natr/library/publications/forestry.asp)

## Species at Risk:

Eleven wildlife species have recently been added to Nova Scotia's list of species at risk. The total number of legally protected species in Nova Scotia now stands at 71. For more information on stewardship efforts for protection and/or recovery please visit: [novascotia.ca/natr/wildlife/biodiversity/species-list.asp](http://novascotia.ca/natr/wildlife/biodiversity/species-list.asp)



## Events and courses

### The Woodland Conferences 2018

Mark your calendar for the 2018 Woodland Owner Conferences to hear experts and woodland owners talk about woodland management issues and how to resolve them. Explore various objectives such as harvesting timber, providing wildlife habitats, or simply maintaining forest health. Cost is \$25 and includes lunch. For details call **1 855 679 6637** or visit [nswoods.ca](http://nswoods.ca)

### CONFERENCE DATES AND VENUES

#### Western conference: March 03, 2018

New Ross, Forties Community Centre,  
1787 Forties Rd

#### Central conference: April 07, 2018

Summer Street Industries, New Glasgow

#### Eastern Woodland Conference: March 7 & 8

Hosted by Nova Scotia Landowners and Forest Fibre Producers. Maritime Forest Carbon Opportunities. Civic Centre, Port Hawkesbury