



Member Newsletter
February 18, 2024

Species at Risk

On February 6th, the NBFWO co-hosted a webinar with the Nashwaak Watershed Association on 'Conserving At-Risk Forest Birds on Managed Lands'.

Presented by Dr. Cindy Staicer (Dalhousie University, retired), the webinar focused on best management practices (BMPs) for land owners to implement to help conserve six at-risk species in the Maritimes.

A video recording of the webinar is now available on the new [Species at Risk](#) page on the website. There is also a link to a PDF summary of the webinar and links to the BMPs for five of the species discussed.



Photo by Cindy Staicer

This is a new section to the website, so we will be adding additional resources in the future. If you have links to any resources you would like to share, please email them to info@nbwoodlotowners.ca

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We have t-shirts!

Want to show off your woodlot owner pride and look great while doing it? Then we have the t-shirt for you!

Check out the new [Shop](#) on the website. (more items, including books, coming soon!)

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Back of t-shirt
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A Message from the Executive Director

The Federation is currently working on our strategic work plan for the upcoming year. There are many potential areas we could work on and are looking to determine the priority items. We hear from you that increasing the profile of the Federation is important and we will look to develop a strategy to do that. If you have suggestions or wish to elaborate on what that might look like, we are happy to consider your suggestions.

We will continue to lobby government and advocate for the policies, structures, and funding that we think are of the greatest benefit to members. We will put forth to government ideas related to extension services, educational needs, as well as the structural plan that we presented at the AGM. At the Federal level we continue to push for the Personal Silviculture Savings and Investment Plan. It will be an election year and we will impress on the parties the importance of private woodlots.

We are currently looking to add to our staff so that we can provide more educational opportunities for members. This person will be charged with providing educational opportunities, looking for discounts for members and sponsorship for the Federation, to keep costs low for members.

We are continuing to expand on our ideas around working more collaboratively with other groups so that we can provide additional information while avoiding duplication of efforts.

We are going to be able to amend our 2BT funding agreement, so we will have 2BT money for the upcoming season and are looking to cooperate with an Ontario group to expand our ability to do more fill or understory planting. We are also working to prepare for Forest Stewardship Certification in conjunction with NS and PEI. We will be able to be certified under the NS certificate to reduce costs and provide some additional security for carbon credit marketing.

As always, we value your suggestions, your time, and your membership.

If you have skills that you would be willing to volunteer to the Federation, please let us know. We are always seeking expertise and if our members



Photo by Nicole & Renaud Laforge

have those, we are happy to have you engaged. We are as strong as the commitment of our members and are always looking to provide the best service possible. You can help us shape the services you want and the information you are looking for.

Get involved. Reach out. We are here for you.

Respectfully submitted,

Susannah Banks
Executive Director

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What's New?

A round up of news from our website, other organizations and upcoming

We're hiring! We are looking for an outgoing **Membership Services / Development Manager** who will be in charge of member engagement and member acquisition. A results-driven individual who is excited about growing a unified voice for woodlot owners across the province.

If you know someone that loves the outdoors, people, and being creative, [send them this link!](#)

Video recording of the webinar: **“Conserving at-risk Forest Birds on Managed Land”** is now available for viewing. Click [here](#) to check out the new Species-at-Risk page and view the video.

There will be a **total solar eclipse** going right across the province on **April 8** this year! For the occasion, Nature NB has created an **‘Observe the Skies’** webpage. They will be updating you with the latest on major events going on in the New Brunswick sky. Stay in the loop for articles and information leading up to the eclipse.

The Spring Meeting of the Canadian Woodlands Forum Meeting will be March 26 & 27, 2024. CWF connects industry professionals, equipment suppliers, contractors, woodlot owners, government, students and those passionate about forestry, providing opportunities to explore innovative ways of adapting for tomorrow's forests, rooted in resilience. [Click here](#) for more information

You probably already know that the [Ads Board](#) on the Federation website is **FREE for members** to post their ads. Everyone can view the Ads Board, so post your ad and reach a wider audience!

But now non-members can buy a 3-month subscription to advertise on the Ads Board as well. If you know anyone that would like to reach a larger audience, point them to the Ads Board page!

Keep an eye on the [News](#), [Ads Board](#), and [Calendar of Events](#) on the website for additional events and details.



SEEDS OF WISDOM

Bits of information to help you make the most of your woodlot adventures

Safety Alert for Immersion Foot: Keep Your Feet Dry and Warm

If you work outside in cold weather, don't neglect to read this safety alert as Immersion Foot can happen to anyone working in near-freezing temperatures and close to water.

Immersion foot is a serious condition resulting from your feet being wet for too long. It causes damage to the circulation and nerve function of the foot.

Unsafe Acts or Conditions

Early in December, a forester working on laying out a timber harvest slipped and submerged a boot in a stream while crossing. The forester had his foot in the water above the top of the boot briefly, allowing water to come into the boot.

The forester quickly exited the stream, determined that he was not injured, and spent the remainder of the day marking out skid trails and marking timber. He did not experience significant cold or discomfort on the foot.

Upon ending his day and returning home, the forester removed his boot to find that his foot was whiteish, tingling and wrinkled (as if he had been in a tub for hours).

Observation and Treatment

The forester had Immersion Foot (also known as Trench's foot, from World War I), a non-freezing injury that happens when a foot is cold and wet for an extended period. As the forester's foot dried and re-warmed, he experienced extreme pain in the affected foot, so much so that he was unable to walk for a full day.

Symptoms of Immersion Foot

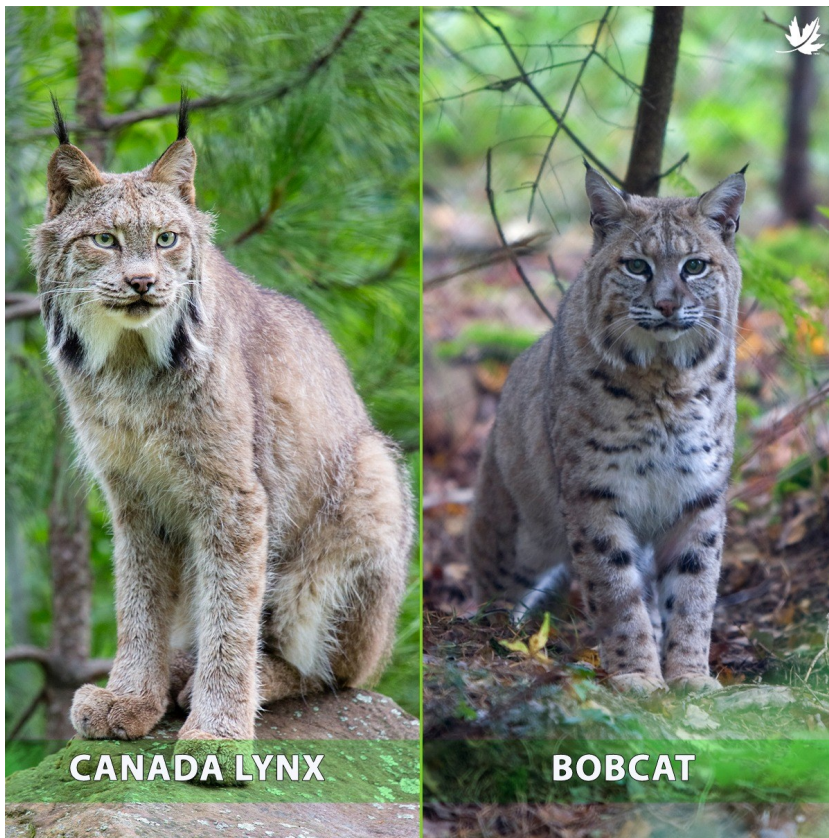
- Tingling and itching which can progress to numbness
- Feet may feel prickly or heavy, like blocks of wood
- Difficulty walking
- Feet turn pale, clammy and white as the blood vessels narrow

Avoiding Immersion Foot

- Bring extra pairs of socks and change if they become wet
- Keep feet warm and dry
- Dry wet boots



This Safety Alert was provided by Forest Resources: Click [here](#) to view the full Safety Alert



Spot the differences

Have you ever encountered a bobcat or a Canada lynx? Do you know how to tell the difference?

- Bobcats are smaller in size, with shorter legs.
- Bobcats have a black-striped and white-tipped tail which is longer than that of the lynx.
- Lynx have a tuft of dark hair on the tips of their ears.

Remember, respect the wildlife (especially the ones with claws!)

Photos by Nature Conservancy of Canada

Nature's marks

These holes were drilled into trees by Pileated woodpeckers.

They drill these holes for three reasons:

- 1: To make holes for nesting
2. To look for food
3. To communicate with other birds, whether to mark their territory or attract a mate.

At this time of year these holes were most likely made by a Pileated woodpecker in search of it's favourite food, carpenter ants.



Photo by Meduxnekeag Valley Nature Preserve

Do these headlines interest you?

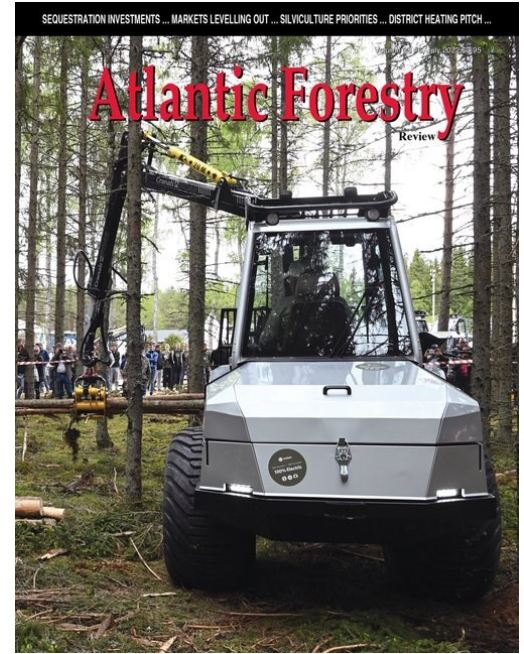
- *Access Issues: Building good woods roads is a sound investment*
- *Planting Pointers*
- *Gearing up for Greenery Season*

These articles and much more are in the latest edition of the Atlantic Forestry Review!

As a NBFWO member, you can receive a \$6 discount off of the price of a 1-year subscription. **That's 6 issues a year for only \$14 - what a deal!**

Makes a great gift too!

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Writers wanted

Do you have an interest in writing? We are looking for members who would like to write about forest-related topics for the Newsletter and Blog.

If you are interested, please get in touch with the topic(s) you would like to write about. Email info@nbwoodlotowners.ca



**Thanks for reading
Until next time!**

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