



New Brunswick Federation of Woodlot Owners
Fédération des propriétaires de lots boisés du Nouveau-Brunswick

Member Newsletter - September 21, 2025

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We are hiring

After a hot, dry summer, it is nice to have that autumn-feel in the air and a reduced risk of wildfires. The lazy, hazy days of summer are behind us and the Federation is planning for a busy fall!

We currently have a lot of initiatives in the works (see Susannah's update on page 2), and we need to grow our staff. We are currently seeking a part-time [administrative assistant/bookkeeper](#). This is a contract position until March 31, 2026, with the potential (funding dependant) to grow into a bigger position.

Are you, or do you know, someone who is smart, flexible, reliable, highly organized, and has an interest in forestry and non-profit work (bilingualism and a sense of humor are definite assets!)? Check out the [job posting](#) on our website and apply today!



We are hiring !

Part-time administrative
assistant / bookkeeper



Door prize donations

If you would like to donate a door prize to be won at our Annual General Meeting, please contact Patricia (info@nbwoodlotowners.ca) or Susannah (ed@nbwoodlotowners.ca), and we can arrange pickup of the item beforehand.

From the Desk of the Executive Director

The Federation is working hard on the upcoming [Annual General Meeting](#), happening on Wednesday, October 8th. We will be providing updates on all of the initiatives that we are working on for our members; carbon, Private Protected Areas, climate-related risk assessments and mitigation for woodlots, group insurance programs, an extension program, and core funding.

The Minister of Natural Resources, John Herron, will be in attendance, as well as leader of the NB Green Party, David Coon. There will be opportunity to help direct the business of the Federation for the coming year and weigh in on the priorities that are important to you. You will also get to vote on the election of 3 directors and the President. If you are interested in putting your name forward to be considered for any of these positions, please contact the Nominating Committee at: BD_Nominations@nbwoodlotowners.ca. Your attendance matters and we hope to see you there.

You may already know that the Federation has several committees – but you may not know that committee members do not need to be board members. Any Federation members who are interested in a particular area of our work or who have special skills that they would be willing to use to help the organization can be a part of a committee. We have committees working on:

- the carbon file, which will include certification,
- financial,
- blog writing, and
- project development.



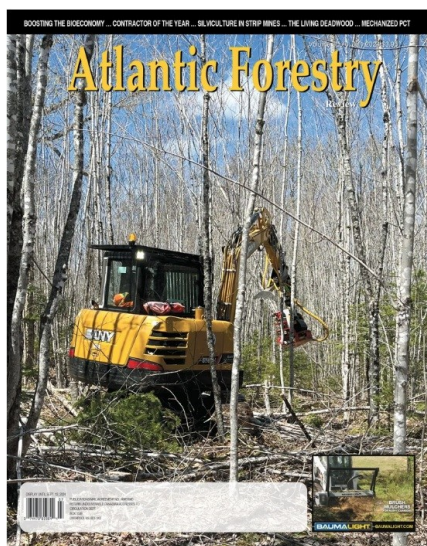
If you are interested in being on one of these committees, or in more information about them, please reach out.

The Federation is looking for a part-time [Administrative Assistant/Bookkeeper](#). With the number of initiatives underway, we require additional human resources to ensure effective delivery and oversight. If you know of someone who might be interested, please let them know.

Respectfully submitted,

Susannah Banks

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One of the advantages of being a member of the NBFWO is receiving a \$6 discount off of the price of a 1-year subscription to the ATLANTIC FORESTRY REVIEW. **That's 6 issues a year for only \$14!**

Launched in 1994, AFR is a magazine for woodlot owners, foresters, contractors and technicians in Atlantic Canada. If you are interested or involved in forestry, AFR is an essential resource of up-to-date information.

Subscribe today on the [Shop](#) tab of the NBFWO website (members must login to able to receive the discount).

News & Events

A round up of news from all over and upcoming events

News

- *FEEDBACK REQUESTED: New Brunswick Tire Recycling Program – Modernization Project 2025*
- *OPINION: Oh, Canada – don't make the same wildfire mistakes as Australia*
- *Increase in wildfires shows forestry practices need to change, experts say*
- *Why animals are a critical part of forest carbon absorption*
- [See more News](#)

Calendar of Events

September 21 - 27: National Forest Week

[September 22](#): Risk Assessment and Mitigation Webinar #1 – Introduction, with Dr. Anthony R. Taylor

[September 23](#): Wood Pellet Association of Canada Conference

September 30: National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, the NBFWO office will be closed.

[October 1](#): MCFT: 3-day Chainsaw- Basic Operation, Maintenance, and Felling Course

[October 1](#): Risk Assessment and Mitigation Webinar #2 – Tree Species at Risk / Drought, with Megan de Graaf and Loïc d'Orangeville

[October 6](#): Risk Assessment and Mitigation Webinar #3 – Wind / Pests and Diseases, with Dr. Anthony R. Taylor and Sarah Weatherby

[October 7](#): MCFT: ATV Rider Course

October 8: NBFWO Annual General Meeting

October 8: Forest NB Semi-Annual Meeting

October 8: Canadian Woodlands Forum

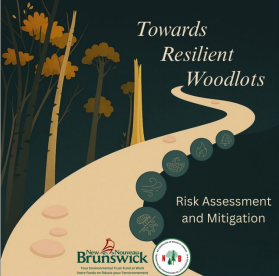
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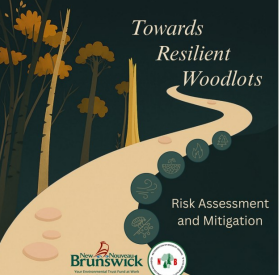
[October 14](#): Risk Assessment and Mitigation Webinar #4 – Wildfires / Conclusion, with Roger Collet and Diane Fargialla

[October 18](#): Risk Assessment and Mitigation Workshop #1 – Mactaquac Provincial Park (free for members)

[October 19](#): Risk Assessment and Mitigation Workshop #2 – Ganong Nature Park (free for members)

[November 1](#): Risk Assessment and Mitigation Workshop #3 – Bathurst (free for everyone, sponsored by the North Shore Forest Products Marketing Board)

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The NBFWO Annual General Meeting

Date: Wednesday, October 8, 2025

Time: Doors open at 9 am, the meeting is from 9:30 am to 3 pm

Location: Ramada Fredericton, located on the northside of Fredericton at 480 Riverside Drive

[Registration](#) is open until Tuesday, September 30th at 11 pm and you MUST register to attend.

- *Members \$20 + tax*
- *Non-members \$40 + tax*

Morning coffee/tea and Lunch will be provided, and simultaneous translation of French / English will be available.

The Annual General Meeting is a great opportunity for members to meet each other, have your voice heard and vote on issues that matter to you.

We look forward to seeing you there!



Share your pictures!

We love to see your woodlot pictures! Send us your pictures and they could be showcased in the newsletter, on social media or on the website.

Email them to: info@nbwoodlotowners.ca

Perks for Free

Perkopolis is a free program available to all Federation members that provides offers and discounts for all sorts of purchases!

Sign up with an email address and your NBFWO Member Number, you can receive offers and discounts for all sorts of purchases. You can choose to receive emails from Perkopolis with their latest offers, or not - it is up to you!

Registration is easy, but you will need your NBFWO Member Number to signup. You can find instructions on how to signup (and how to find your member number) when you sign into the website and go to the [Member Home](#) page. Scroll down to the MEMBER PERKS and select the 'Perkopolis' tab.

If you have any questions you can contact [Perkopolis customer service](#) through live chat, phone, or email.



Towards Resilient Woodlots: Risk Assessment and Mitigation

A project to understand the challenges of the Wabanaki-Acadian forest

Our Outreach Coordinator, Diane Fargialla, is enjoying her vacation and will be back soon. Don't miss her new article in the next newsletter!

Meanwhile, don't forget to register for the webinars and workshops "Towards Resilient Woodlots: Risk Assessment and Mitigation" by clicking [here](#). The webinars and workshops are **FREE** for members. We look forward to seeing you!

The webinar series begins this coming Monday, September 22!

Please also note that the "Climate Smart Woodlot Management" webinar is back online and that the guide has been updated. Links to [Webinar](#), [Guide](#).

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Writers wanted

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

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

Email info@nbwoodlotowners.ca

A Hardwood Highlight - NHRI

The Northern Hardwoods Research Institute (NHRI) in Edmundston was founded in 2012 as a “partnership between the forest sector, governments and academia”. They conduct applied research in order to “provide the forest sector with the knowledge and tools required to ensure the growth and sustainability of northern hardwood and mixedwood forests.”¹



The focus of their work is primarily aimed on helping their industrial forestry partners “develop and implement solutions aimed at improving yield, and quality, of timber production. Other forest values (ecosystem services, habitat, biodiversity etc.) are certainly important, but not within NHRI’s operational scope.”²

Their work is limited to Eastern Canada and the Northeastern United States, as the tools they develop are specifically for forests within the current range of sugar maple.

The NHRI website, www.hardwoodsnb.ca, has much more information about their research and activities than could be shared in a short article, but if you are interested in learning about hardwood research in our region, you may want to consider signing up for their newsletter, The Leaflet. Some of the writing can be a bit on the technical side, however, most is relatable for the average woodlot owner. The latest issue, for Summer 2025, showcases research conducted on thinning hardwoods. Articles on “Growing Value Means Thinning Early and Often - Like carrots in a garden, trees need space to grow-thin early, thin often”. and “Thinning the Line - How smart density decisions shape stronger forests”.

You can find their newsletter on the Resources tab of their website, along with Technical Notes, Guides, Reports and more.

For the hardwood enthusiast, the NHRI has the information you need!

Sources

1- <https://hardwoodsnb.ca/about-us/>

2 - <https://hardwoodsnb.ca/about-us/#what-we-do>

Nature Identification Guides

Nature NB has created series of guides about New Brunswick’s wildlife and trees, perfect for downloading or printing and taking on a walk around your woodlot.

The ‘Trees’ guide contains 13 commonly found tree species, each with a picture of the leaves, bark and seeds, its maximum height, an interesting fact, and where you can expect to see them.

The wildlife guides have pictures of each species, habitat descriptions, and more interesting facts. Did you know the caterpillar of the Red Admiral butterfly eats nettles, including stinging nettles?! Or, that Spring Peepers can change colour in as little as 15 minutes?

Go to www.naturenb.ca/publications/guides to see all of the guides.



Highlighting Rare Species

Do you enjoy taking pictures of nature and being a part of citizen science? With an iNaturalist Canada account you can also contribute to wildlife conservation using an app on your smartphone.

iNaturalist Canada has some new initiatives that aim to highlight important, rare and endangered species in Canada. This [iNaturalist.ca Priority Species](#) umbrella project was created to help fill knowledge gaps across Canada for species that are either rare in iNaturalist, experts have classified as data deficient, or are awaiting at risk status assessments. Here are some projects under this umbrella:



1 global observation in Canada

Species that have only one iNaturalist observation in the world, with that observation being in Canada. This list is updated monthly: additional previously unobserved species are turning up in Canada, some species have already been found more than once, and many still need your help to find a second one (and hopefully lots more!). [Learn more](#)



Data deficient species in Canada

Species lacking enough information to determine their conservation status. By observing and documenting these lesser-known species, you can help fill critical knowledge gaps and support future conservation decisions.

[Learn more](#)



Species at risk in Canada

Find out what species are endangered, their distribution and contribute valuable information. [Learn more](#)

For your safety and theirs, be sure to observe wildlife responsibly, especially for species at risk which may be legally protected – never harass or harm a species and be sure to leave their habitat undamaged.

iNaturalist Canada is led by the Canadian Wildlife Federation (CWF) along with NatureServe Canada and Parks Canada. Their goal is to encourage the use of iNaturalist.ca as a tool to track biodiversity across the country and connect Canadians to nature; while the creators at iNaturalist.org oversee the tech side of things and manage the platform on a global scale.

If you would like to submit an article or pictures for the newsletter, please email Patricia at info@nbwoodlotowners.ca

Thanks for reading - Until next time!

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