



NJ Invasive Species
Strike Team

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Strike Team Report July 2020

Despite necessary restrictions due to COVID-19, the Strike Team is back out there fighting invasive species! We have a new team of seasonal land stewards treating high priority species with Essex County Parks, Morris County Parks, Morristown National Historical Park and the Municipality of Princeton. We've also been working with private landowners throughout the Sourlands under our USFS grant. We're all glad to be out there again stewarding New Jersey's flora and fauna!

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Community Conference Webinar Series

Series Schedule

July 29

Foraging in New Jersey

By: Tama Matsuoka-Wong (Meadows + More)

August 5th

Go Native! Pollinators in Peril and how you can help

By: Deb Ellis (Native Plant Society of NJ)

August 12th

Forest Pests and Pathogens

By: Paul Kurtz (New Jersey Forest Service)

August 19th

Aquatic Plant Management Techniques

By: Chris Doyle (SOLitude Lake Management)

Register Here!

Webinar Summaries

Speaker Bios

Hello Everyone --

I'm sorry we will need to scale back this year's Strike Team Conference. As you may be aware, the annual conference has been our sole source of local fundraising. If you feel the Strike Team is a valuable resource to New Jersey, please consider making a tax deductible donation by clicking [here](#).

Stay Safe and Healthy. Mask Up!

- Lisa Wolff, FoHVOS Executive Director

Live and Learn

With the help of our exceptional Technical Advisory Committee, we completed our annual species review and prepared our [2020 species list](#) as well as our updated [Do Not Plant List](#). In addition, please consider signing our [Landscape Planting Pledge](#).

The Viburnum's Just Keep on Coming

We have been a broken record warning about Siebold's Viburnum and Linden Viburnum for years – tall, shade tolerant species that spread by running sprouts and seeds. Both continue to spread with Linden Viburnum now considered "Widespread". We just found out about them way too late...but both should continue to be high priorities in places where they are just beginning to establish.

In an abundance of caution, we listed four other non-native Viburnum species over five years ago – *V. lantana*, *V. opulus*, *V. setigerum*, and *V. plicatum*. Not many observations on any of them until the last year or two, so here we go again sounding the alarm bells!

Japanese Snowball / Doublefile Viburnum (*V. plicatum*) has been observed at multiple sites in central and northern New Jersey. Not yet in dense infestations, but larger individuals making fruit and spreading within sites.

Tea Viburnum (*V. setigerum*) had not been reported to us at all until discovered by Rich Rockwell at South Mountain Reservation this year – several large fruiting individuals, so there are likely many smaller plants too.

Guelder-rose or European Cranberry Viburnum (*V. opulus*) seems to be squeaking out here and there too.

So please be on the look out and report any findings to us through our phone app! And more importantly, please treat them to prevent their spread!



Viburnum opulus



Viburnum plicatum



Viburnum setigerum

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