

NJ Invasive Species Strike Team



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!

Michael Van Clef

Mike Van Clef, Ph.D. FoHVOS Stewardship Director Strike Team Program Director

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 <u>here</u>.

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 <u>2020 species list</u> as well as our updated <u>Do Not Plant List</u>. In addition, please consider signing our <u>Landscape Planting Pledge</u>.

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

Volunteer with us!

Looking for a volunteer opportunity? The NJ Invasive Species Strike Team is the organization for you! Visit our sign up genius below to share your interests with us. Contact Ihorvath@fohvos.org for more information.

I'm Interested!

The Strike Team needs your help to fight invasive species throughout New Jersey. By making a membership donation, you directly fund our efforts to keep invasive species at bay and protect our native plants and wildlife. Donate through the link below!



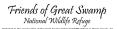












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