

## 2020 Kentucky Maple Syrup School Scheduled for November 7, 2020



The Kentucky Maple Syrup Association (KMSA) and the University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service will be hosting the 2020 Kentucky Maple Syrup School online. Topics and featured speakers include Glen Goodrich with Goodrich Maple Farm in Cabot, Vermont, which over the last 25 years has grown into a leading syrup producer in the United States from starting out by tapping only 25 trees. In

addition to Mr. Goodrich, the school will feature Ben McKinney, a fifth-generation maple producer in Maine, who has expanded from maple syrup production to a whole line of value-added maple products. Kate Fotos with the Future Generations University in Franklin, West Virginia will be discussing the production of walnut syrup. The 2020 Kentucky Maple School will provide new and established producers an opportunity to connect with a statewide Kentucky Maple Syrup Research Program that is working to help maple syrup producers. To register and learn more about the 2020 Kentucky Maple Syrup School or maple syrup research please visit <https://ky-maplesyrup.ca.uky.edu/>.

## Woodland Stewards Webinar Series to Continue in February 2021

UK Forestry and Natural Resources Extension is teaming up with universities around the region to offer the final round of the woodland stewards webinar series. This all-new 4-part webinar series features forestry and natural resources experts from around the region to help woodland owners take actions to make their woodlands healthier and more productive. The series will take place in February 2021 and will help you develop short- and long-



term goals for your woodland and help you get you started actively managing your own woodlands. The series will also cover the latest mobile apps and online resources that can help you manage your woodland. In addition, one session will focus on safety in your woodlands. The final session in the series is being led by Dr. Jacob Muller with the UK Department of Forestry and Natural Resources Extension team. The session will walk you through how to efficiently and effectively become a woodland steward. For updates on the series visit [www.ukforestry.org](http://www.ukforestry.org).

## Jacob Muller Introduction

Dr. Jacob Muller joined the Department of Forestry and Natural Resources at the University of Kentucky on February 1, 2020. He is an Assistant Professor of Hardwood Silviculture and Forest Operations Extension here in the Department. His research efforts focus on long-term forest dynamics and testing the efficacy of classical and novel silvicultural approaches aimed at forest adaptation. His extension and teaching efforts include the development of continuing education programs for woodland owners and natural resource professionals. He is also engaged in the development and advancement of educational tools to better inform landowners of current and future management challenges.



## Upcoming Dates To Remember:

Dates:	Event:	Location:	Contact:
November 7, 2020	<i>Kentucky Maple Syrup School</i>	Zoom meeting via the Web	<a href="https://ky-maplesyrup.ca.uky.edu">https://ky-maplesyrup.ca.uky.edu</a>
December 9, 2020	<i>Kentucky Woodland Owners Association Annual Meeting</i>	Zoom meeting via the Web	<a href="http://www.kwoa.net">www.kwoa.net</a>
February 6, 2021	<i>Kentucky Maple Day</i>	Various locations	<a href="https://ky-maplesyrup.ca.uky.edu">https://ky-maplesyrup.ca.uky.edu</a>
February 2021	<i>Woodland Stewards Webinar Series</i>	Zoom meeting via the Web	<a href="http://forestry.ca.uky.edu/webinars_upcoming">http://forestry.ca.uky.edu/webinars_upcoming</a> ; 859.257.7597
March 27, 2021	<i>Ohio River Valley Woods and Wildlife Workshop</i>	Boone County Enrichment Center	<a href="http://www.tristatewoods.org">www.tristatewoods.org</a> or 859.257.7597

# NEWS TO USE

## Healthy Woods App

by Carol Spence and Ellen Crocker

A new mobile app makes receiving research-based woodland management information as easy as reaching for your phone. HealthyWoods, a collaborative effort between forest specialists from Kentucky and other hardwood-producing states in the Appalachian region, provides woodland owners with a convenient tool to scout the health of their woods. The HealthyWoods app prompts users to answer a series of questions related to the current conditions found in their woodlands and allows them to upload pictures from their phones. The questions deal with such things as how the canopy looks, how healthy the trees are, what the understory looks like, and whether invasive species are present. After completing the questionnaire, the user immediately receives a report geared to their management goals.

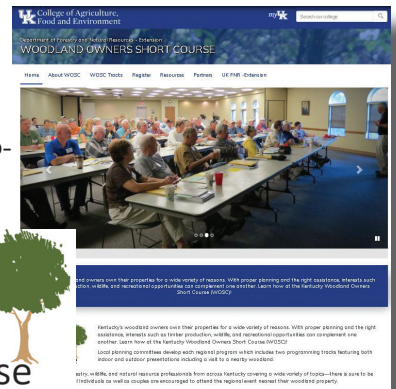
The HealthyWoods app was developed by a team of researchers including Drs. Ellen Crocker and Jeff Stringer with UK Department of Forestry and Natural Resources and Margaret Staton and Abdullah Almsaed, from the University of Tennessee. HealthyWoods is available for free for Apple and Android devices.



## Virtual Kentucky Woodland Owners Short Course

Have you wanted to attend one of the annual Kentucky Woodland Owners Short Course (WOSC) in the past but could not fit it into your schedule? Now there is a solution that allows you to virtually participate in the Kentucky WOSC. The Kentucky (WOSC) is the largest educational program designed specifically for Kentucky woodland owners. Administered and coordinated by the UK Department of Forestry and Natural Resources Extension team, the WOSC includes more than ten partner organizations who work with and support Kentucky woodland owners in caring for their woodland resources. In addition to a virtual option for Kentucky woodland owners to attend

the WOSC, UK Forestry and Natural Resources Extension is working on a dedicated website to support them. Visit [www.kywosc.org](http://www.kywosc.org) to learn more about woodland management in Kentucky and to register for the Virtual Kentucky Woodland Owners Short Course.



## From the Woods Today — A Weekly Online Program



In April, the UK Forestry and Natural Resources Extension team launched a weekly online program called “From the Woods Today”. This program offers relevant and timely information about woodlands, wildlife and various related topics each Wednesday at 11 a.m. EDT on the online, social conferencing platform called Zoom and on Facebook Live. Hosts Billy Thomas and Renee Williams, UK extension forester and information specialist, respectively, welcome UK specialists and partner organizations to share their vast knowledge of Kentucky’s forests and the wildlife that calls them home. The link to the Zoom sessions, a list of topics and archived episodes are available at <http://www.FromTheWoodsToday.com>. Anyone can join

a session, regardless of their location. The episodes are also available on Facebook Live at <https://www.facebook.com/ForestryExtension/>. If you’re interested in a segment out of a specific episode such as Tree of the Week or Snake ID visit Forestry Extension’s YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQcUEf2g33tiS6YP5eNVFjw>

