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### Driftless Dialogue Lecture Series VI: Rare vs Invasive Plants

Learn about the different forested communities found in the Kickapoo Valley region. From special forest types like southern mesic forest to impressive stands of oak, learn about why these forests grow where they do and the common and rare species that can be found in them. Presenter: Ryan O'Connor, Ecologist & Inventory Coordinator with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources [Watch Video](#)

### In the News

#### June is Wisconsin's 10th Annual Invasive Species Awareness Month

Each June the Wisconsin Invasive Species Council promotes an awareness month to help increase understanding of the threat to Wisconsin's environment, recreation and economy from aggressively spreading nonnative plants and animals. This year, the theme encourages Wisconsin residents and visitors to "Protect the places where you play" from invasive species. [Read More](#)

- Prevent Spread of Aquatic Invasive Species [Read More](#)
- Recognize an Emerald Ash Borer Attack [Watch Video](#)

#### Understanding Invasive Species

Humans move organisms around all the time. Sometimes when we bring a non-native species into a new area the species will take over and spread rapidly and widely throughout the area. When this happens, the spread can cause major harm to the native ecosystem or humans. When non-native plants, animals, or pathogens rapidly takes over a new location and alter the ecosystem, we consider them invasive species. [Read More](#)

#### Fungus May Help Stop Invasive Spread of Tree-of-Heaven

A naturally occurring fungus might help curb the spread of an invasive tree species that is threatening forests in most of the United States, according to researchers. Researchers tested the fungus -- *Verticillium nonalfalfae* -- by injecting it into tree-of-heaven, or Ailanthus, plots. The treatment completely eradicated the tree-of-heaven plants in those forests. [Read More](#)

#### Sustaining Northern Hardwood Forests--Are We Doing What We Think We're Doing?

Northern hardwood forests give many gifts to many people. Natural beauty, recreation, a source of lumber, wood pulp for paper products, raw material for biofuels. They also generate jobs and sustain rural economies. There's a system in place for assuring the productivity of northern hardwood forests. It's called the selection silviculture system, a method of using partial harvests done to a strict formula to sustainably manage the trees. It's been around centuries, and it works. There's only one problem. A study by Michigan Technological University researchers found that the system generally isn't being used. [Read More](#)

#### Cross-laminated Timber Stands Up To Site Fires

Cross-laminated timber (CLT) structures can still retain their integrity even in construction site fires because of the material's limited charring rate, a report commissioned by Finnish wood and paper producer Stora Enso Building & Living suggests. A large wooden structure's ability to meet fire protection requirements once it is complete has already been widely acknowledged within the industry. But how fireproof such structures are if a fire breaks out or is started when they are still being built has until now remained a matter of debate. [Read More](#)

### Upcoming Events

Event	Location	Date	Notes
Wisconsin's Third Annual <b>Invasive Species Education Summit</b> hosted by the Wisconsin Invasive Species Council and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources	Beaver Creek Reserve S1 County Road K Fall Creek, WI 54742  Also able to join in over the Internet	Tuesday, June 10, 2014 8:30 am – 4:00 pm  <b>FREE</b>	For full details: <a href="#">Visit Here</a>