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American Chestnut Blight - Greatest Forest Loss in History

There were once almost 4 billion American chestnuts and they were among the largest, tallest, and fastest-growing trees in the eastern forest. The wood was long-lasting, straight-grained, and suitable for furniture, fencing, and building. The nuts fed billions of birds and animals. It was almost a perfect tree - that is, until it was killed by a blight a century ago. That blight has been called the greatest ecological disaster to strike the world's forests in all of history. A tree that had survived all adversaries for 40 million years had disappeared within 40. [Watch Video](#)

In the News

Work "Play" Earth Day Events to be Held Around the State in 2017

MADISON - People will again have additional opportunities to celebrate Earth Day while helping out and enjoying a Wisconsin state park, forest, trail, recreation area or wildlife property during the ninth annual Work "Play" Earth Day events that will be held around the state. [Read More](#)

Governor's Forestry 'tax cut' Bad for Business

If Wisconsin is open for business, why is Gov. Walker risking its \$6.4 billion forestry industry just so my wife and I can spend his \$27 tax savings on one dream date: a stuffed pizza and two Leinie's at Clam Lake's Chippewa Tavern? [Read More](#)

Governor Walker's Plan to Scrap Natural Resources Magazine, Forestry Mill Tax a Big Mistake

Governor Scott Walker has put a Trojan horse into his budget. The elimination of the Department of Natural Resources' popular magazine, Natural Resources, has attracted attention from many people who enjoy the magazine and don't want to see the magazine scrapped. [Read More](#)

Oak Wilt Found in Price County, Plus Prevention Steps

Oak wilt, a deadly fungal disease affecting red oaks, was confirmed for the first time in Price County in 2016. In addition to the new county find, the disease was also confirmed in various townships in northern Wisconsin counties where we already knew oak wilt was present. [Read More](#)

From Vacant to Vibrant: Forest Service Brings Restoration Expertise to the City

The Forest Service has always been a conservation agency, focusing most restoration efforts during the past 100 years on rural environments. Today, however, the agency can use that century of experience and put it to work in urban areas as well. [Read More](#)

Minnesota and Wisconsin Losing Thousands of Birch Trees to Thieves

DULUTH, Minn. — Law enforcement officials in northern Wisconsin and northern Minnesota say there's been a recent rash of illegal cutting of small birch trees that are smuggled out and sold as decorations in stores and online. It's not just a few trees, but thousands of small birch cut, bundled and carted away off public and private forests without any payment or permits. [Read More](#)

A Historical Geography Of The Paper Industry in the Wisconsin River Valley

Paper is pervasive in our modern lives. Once a somewhat rare product, its consumption grew rapidly in the nineteenth century as literacy rates and business transactions both increased. In the wake of this change and expansion, new paper manufacturing centers emerged in different regions of the United States, including the Wisconsin River Valley. This dissertation explores the industry in that particular location: its inception, impact, and eventual decline. [Read More](#)

Upcoming Events

| Event | Location / Dates | Cost | Notes |
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| <p>April 2017 Earth Month at ALNC</p> <p><i>Celebrate Earth Day and all things green and growing this month at the Aldo Leopold Nature Center!</i></p> | <p>Aldo Leopold Nature Center 330 Femrite Drive Monona, 53716 United States</p> <p>9am-4pm M-F 10am-2pm S&S</p> | <p>ALNC Members: FREE Non-Member Adults: \$4 Non-Member Children, Seniors, Students, Monona Residents and Military Personnel: \$3</p> | <p>Find more Information: Here at ALNC</p> |