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Happy Summer, Forest Hero!s

In honor of the traveling season, this issue of our quarterly newsletter focuses on some of the overlay of plants on travel and road trips. Read on for some interesting connections!

Thank you for all you do to protect biodiversity in Vermont.

Cheers,

Elizabeth Spinney & Lina Swislocki



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Take Care of the Road: Community

Our dear friends at the Urban & Community Forestry program have put together a guide for community stewardship of Vermont's backroads. Check out the guide, and then head out to explore the towns they used as examples -- just be sure to watch the road and not the trees!



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Take Care of the Road: State

Our other pals at the Vermont Agency of Transportation Roadside Vegetation



Management Unit use these Best Management Practices when tending to invasive plants along state roads



Downloadable, printable, pocketable guide

We designed this handy guide to the 12 most common invasive plants in Vermont specifically so you can print it out and slip it in your pocket. Take it on the road, and report what you find on iNaturalist.



Interesting Articles

Champlain Valley Oaks Travel the World

Local geographer/historian tells us how white oaks left Vermont and may be making their way back again

Read the blog here



I Brake for Salamanders

Animals and cars don't mix; wildlife road crossings may be a creative way around -- err... over -- the problem. This interactive piece from the New York Times includes some pretty sweet footage of salamanders in Vermont.

Check it out



Invasive Plants are Bad at Carbon Sequestration

And of course, we can't talk about travel without considering emissions. Planting trees can help offset some carbon we produce, but the kind of trees does matter.

Learn more



The Year of Plant Health

Did you know 2020 was supposed to be the international year of plant health? Did you know it got extended into July 2021? Learn more about this UN initiative here



Network News

Bud Buds is LIVE!

Newly released to broad acclaim, the Bud Buds podcast takes you deep inside the growing realm of invasive plant phenology.

Give a Listen



Shout Outs

Well done Dottie S! This Forest Hero's online event through the Manchester Community Library drew a crowd, and many people were able to learn, get involved, and make a difference. What a superstar!









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