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National Invasive Species Awareness Week Part Two is NOW!

[National Invasive Species Awareness Week](#) (NISAW) part Two is this week - May 17-21, 2021. NISAW is now two seasonal international events designed to raise awareness about invasive species, the threats that they pose, and what can be done to prevent their spread. There are outstanding FREE webinars taking place every day this week, and many local events are listed on the new [Event Map](#)
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PlayCleanGo Week is SOON!

Courtesy of NAISMA: PlayCleanGo Awareness Week takes place June 5–12, 2021 across North America. The goal of the campaign is to show outdoor recreationists how they can help the spread of invasive species. There's a great toolkit of advertisements, social media ready artwork, talking points, and more!
[Find the PlayCleanGo toolkit >>](#)

Congratulations to EAB-U!

Big congratulations to the 12th anniversary of Emerald Ash Borer University (EAB-U) and the publication of their 10 year review, [Online Entomology Outreach: Tips From a Long-Running Program](#). What feels pretty normal now was groundbreaking way back in 2009- webinars, outreach, and conversations, all online via live webinars and archived recordings. The longevity of the EAB-U approach is an impressive testament to all the staff and scientists that have contributed

along the way.
[Visit EAB-U >>](#)

Highlighted Webinars and Virtual Meetings

Here's a few good professional development ideas coming up soon. And remember, we'd LOVE to feature your upcoming firewood and/or forest pest relevant (non-profit, academic, or government) meeting or webinar in an upcoming newsletter.

InvaCost 3.0. The global synthesis of the economic cost of biological invasions. Tuesday May 25 2021, 10am Eastern. *Courtesy Invasive Species Centre, Canada:* "Biological invasions are responsible for substantial biodiversity declines, including huge economic losses and management expenditures. Efficiently mitigating this major driver of global change requires the improvement of public awareness and policy regarding its substantial impacts on our socio-ecosystems. Liliana Ballesteros will introduce webinar attendees to InvaCost, the most up-to-date, comprehensive, harmonized, and robust compilation and description of economic cost estimates associated with biological invasions worldwide..." [Register for the InvaCost webinar >>](#)

Two Day Exotic Hornet identification Class! May 17 & 18, 11:00 am – 2:15 pm Pacific. *Courtesy of the Washington Invasive Species Council- started today, look for the recording!* "Asian giant hornet was identified in Washington and Canada in 2019. The public has been asked to report potential sightings to help detect and prevent the spread of this invasive species. The purpose of this class is to help responders correctly identify insects submitted as potential Asian giant hornets..." [Register for the Hornet webinar >>](#)

Photo of the month: Right now, the Asian longhorned beetle infestation in South Carolina has a lot of potential for intense photo ops! This is a screenshot of a video shared by Dr. David Coyle, Clemson University, via his Twitter account. View the whole video at <https://twitter.com/drdavecoyle/status/1391921638837571586>

Infestations and Regulations

California enacts emerald ash borer quarantine

Different state agencies have made widely different decisions in light of the federal deregulation of the emerald ash borer. Most recently, California enacted an emerald ash borer quarantine that explicitly names mixed species firewood as a regulated item.

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Don't Move Firewood Campaign

Emerald Ash Borer Awareness Content

For 2021, the Don't Move Firewood campaign won't be directly promoting Emerald Ash Borer Awareness Week (May 23-29 2021, the week prior to Memorial Day each year) content to our partners- but YOU are absolutely welcome to use any of our past content to elevate the visibility of emerald ash borer in your area! We've got an archive of past materials available, and we'll be posting material on the Don't Move Firewood facebook account throughout the week.

[Visit the EAB Week Content >>](#)

The American public is responsible for identifying over a quarter of new invasive species

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Share firewood news tips

Input from our readers is vital to the success of this newsletter — and to the mission it serves. Have you heard (or done) something that you think we and other readers should hear about? Please tell us about it!

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