

Do you own wooded property in Nova Scotia?

If so, you're in good company. The Stewardship and Outreach Section of the Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources has several extension programs geared towards private woodlot owners, including:

The Nova Scotia Woodlot Owner of the Year Award (WOYA)

WOYA recognizes Nova Scotia land owners who practice sustainable woodlot management. Nominations are accepted until March 31 each year. Regional and Provincial winners are then chosen. Public field days are held on winners woodlots during the Fall. During these events woodland owners have the opportunity to share their knowledge and experience while showcasing their award winning woodlots.

Woodlot Management Home Study Series

Interested in learning more about silviculture, wildlife habitat or safe forestry practices? Why not check out the Woodlot Management Home Study Series offered by NS-DNR. This free correspondence course consists of 15 easy to read modules that focus on specific topics of woodlot management. These courses can be taken online, or you may also request a hard copy of any module.

Woodland Owner Conferences (WOCs) Home Based Woodlot Management Education Opportunities!

The WOCs are held annually in all three regions across Nova Scotia. These conferences are held to inform woodland owners of current forestry and woodland management issues. The conferences are also a great opportunity for woodland owners to make contact and network with other woodland owners and trades people from the resource industry.

Woodlot Management Courses

These courses offered by NS-DNR are held throughout the province at various times. Course topics are chosen based on an on-demand request from woodland owners.

For more information on any of these programs or services, please contact the Stewardship and Outreach Section of NS-DNR, or visit our website for more detailed information!

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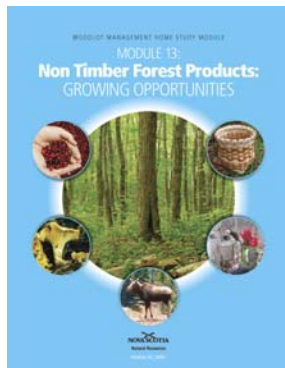
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The Stewardship and Outreach Section of NS-DNR recently added a new home based module on non-timber forest

products (NTFPs) to their Woodlot Management Home Study Series.

Module 13 “Non Timber Forest Products: Growing Opportunities”

provides basic information on the importance of NTFPs. Included in this module is information on wild edibles, natural medicinal products, and recreational services; to name a few. This module will help woodlot owners learn



about the many potential uses of their land while giving insight into the possible challenges of growing and harvesting NTFPs. The module is available online and hard copies are available on request.

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