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REVISITING THE BRYSON TREE FARM: MY HOW THE WOODS HAVE CHANGED!
FALL TOUR IN RICHMOND, RI

The Rhode Island Tree Farm Program is conducting its annual Fall Tour at the Bryson Tree Farm in Richmond, RI on Saturday, October 12, 2019. The tour will begin at 9 AM, and the event should last until noon. The Bryson woodlot is located at 66 Shannock Hill Road, just east of Carolina village. Signs will be posted at intersections.

This year's topic will focus on the changes that have taken place in the woods since our last visit to the Bryson Tree Farm since it experienced some serious oak mortality and an additional 5-acre habitat clearing was established. Our guests include foresters Paul Dolan and Chris Modisette who will highlight how the diversity now established in the woods, through both planned and un-planned changes in the forest canopy conditions, have altered the wildlife habitat values, including that of bird populations.

The Bryson Tree Farm is also a demonstration woodlot for the Forestry for the RI Birds Project, a program of the RI RC&D Council. Structural habitat conditions and a bird survey have been conducted by the Audubon Society of RI, a partner of this project. What bird habitat conditions have been enhanced by the changes in forest structure resulting from the oak mortality caused by Gypsy moth defoliations?? Learn the answers to these questions, and more, on the 12th of October!

The tour is being sponsored by the RI Tree Farm Program. It will be led by foresters from the Tree Farm Program and will include information on programs available through the USDA-NRCS and the state's Farm, Forest, Open Space Program.

The event is free and open to the public, and registration is not required. The event will be held rain or shine. Proper footwear and appropriate dress for the weather is required. For more information, contact RIFCO at (401)568-3421, or visit www.ritreefarm.org, where directions to the site will be posted.

The RI Tree Farm Program is a voluntary recognition program, part of the American Tree Farm System, promoting the sustainable management of our forests for wood, water, wildlife, and recreation since 1941. The RI Tree Farm Program sponsors annual tours to highlight the work that certified Tree Farmers do to protect and manage Rhode Island's woodlands. The Rhode Island program is co-sponsored by the RI Forest Conservator's Organization (RIFCO), the RI DEM's Division of Forest Environment, and Providence Water.

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