

## About the NRCS funding program

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The vast forested lands, grasslands and forb-rich landscape of the Appalachian Mountains was once considered a population stronghold for the golden-winged warbler. Today, however, the population is at-risk for listing under the Endangered Species Act.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) "Working Lands for Wildlife" program assists private land owners to create and maintain the habitat necessary to sustain breeding populations of golden-winged warbler within and adjacent to their current range. It focuses on the creation, management and maintenance of early successional habitat in close association with forested landscapes, or adjacent to active agriculture or pastureland.

Conservation efforts in support of the golden-winged warbler will benefit several other species that depend on similar habitat.

The goal of Working Lands for Wildlife is to increase improve early successional habitat, decreasing habitat fragmentation and reducing isolation of golden-winged warbler populations. The result will be an expansion of Appalachian breeding habitat and an increase in reproducing golden-winged warbler populations, decreasing the potential for listing under the Endangered Species Act.

Join us to learn more!



Northern Tier Hardwood Association is a non-profit organization serving the wood industry and its supporters throughout Bradford, Lackawanna, Luzerne, Pike, Sullivan, Susquehanna, Tioga, Wayne, and Wyoming counties of PA.

We at NTHA take great pride in providing our members and surrounding community with worthwhile programs. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at:

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**The Northern Tier  
Hardwood Association  
and  
Northeast PA Audubon  
Society present:**

## Establishing Golden-winged Warbler Habitat Workshop

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Using timber harvesting to create young forest habitat for wildlife.

When: Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup>  
9 AM- 12:30 PM  
(Lunch included)

Where: R Ranch  
162 Beaver Run Lane  
Lake Ariel, PA 18436



## Establishing wildlife habitat

NTHA is proud to bring you this important training geared toward forest landowners, loggers, and foresters.

In partnership with the Northeast PA Audubon Society, the Northern Tier Hardwood Association is offering this follow-up workshop for those interested in establishing young forest habitat for the Golden-winged Warbler. Attendees will learn how to use sound silvicultural practices and research-based Golden-winged Warbler Best Management Practices to create nesting habitat for this imperiled species. We will spend the morning out in the field looking at an ongoing project designed to establish this critical habitat.

It is important to note that this workshop also provides habitat for other young forest dependent wildlife species such as: white-tailed deer, bobcat, ruffed grouse, woodcock, wild turkeys, and many other songbird species.

**Cost: \$10 for NTHA members  
\$15 for non-members**

## Agenda

**8:30 - 9:00** - Registration with coffee and donuts

**9:00 - 9:15** - Introduction - Sarah Hall-Bagdonas (NTHA/Northeast PA Audubon Society)

**9:15 - 9:30** - GWWA ecology and breeding habitat - Emily Bellush, NRCS

**9:30 - 9:45** - Landowner perspective of project

**9:45 - 11:30** - GWWA project area walk and discussion – Devin Schappert, Forester

- Stop 1: cut vs. uncut areas, species composition and habitat structure before and after the harvest, discussion of residual trees, grouped vs. evenly spaced residuals
- Stop 2: herbicide applications, sprayed vs. unsprayed areas, goal of controlling competing vegetation and how this benefits golden-wings and other young forest-dependent species
- Stop 3: effective control of competing species results in desirable regeneration, benefit is also long-term forest health
- Stop 4: aspen stand, not yet harvested but residuals are marked, aspen stands excellent places to create young forest habitat

**11:30 - 11:45** – Funding opportunities for private forest landowners - Jen Matthews, NRCS

**11:45 - 12:30** - Provided lunch and Q&A/open discussion

## Golden-winged Warbler Workshop

September 10, 2016

**REGISTRATION IS A MUST!  
DEADLINE: September 2, 2016**

**\$10/person for NTHA members  
\$15/person for non-members  
(lunch included)**

Register and pay online at:

<http://www.nthardwoods.org/training.php>

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To join NTHA, please visit: [nthardwoods.org](http://nthardwoods.org)

Any questions please call:  
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**This workshop counts for 4 hours (1 year) of PA SFI® Continuing Education (C.E.) credit.**