

**FORESTRYIMAGES IMAGE AND ARCHIVE DATABASE SYSTEMS &
THE CENTER FOR INVASIVE SPECIES AND ECOSYSTEM HEALTH**
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Forestry Images www.forestryimages.org: The Source for Forest Health, Natural Resources & Silviculture Images was released in 2001 with 3,500 images available for educational uses. The web-available system was developed for the purpose of making high-quality digital images freely available through the Web for educational purposes. ForestryImages now contains 76,000 images available for educational use. These images were taken by 1,300 photographers in 50 countries,

- Forest Pests: Insects; Diseases; and Other Damage Agents
- Invasive Plants and Other Organisms
- Trees, Plants, and Stand Types
- Understory and Rangeland Plants
- Silvicultural Practices
- Urban Forestry &
- Wildlife

The images focus on subject matter related to: Invasive Species, Forest Health, Natural Resources Management; and Agricultural Management.

Over 5,000 of the 76,000 images now available were taken in Europe, with 3,000 images taken by photographers in Slovakia, Hungary, Czechia and Poland. There will be several thousand more forestry- and forest health-related images taken by photographers in these four countries available within the next few months as a result of an extended residence in Hungary by the senior author.

Bugwood Network web sites received more than 12.3 million hits and were accessed by 1.9 million users EACH MONTH during 2007 (148 million hits by over 22 million users during 2007).

Images in ForestryImages can be used at no-cost for educational, not-for-profit uses as long as each image used is credited to the photographer and to ForestryImages. The photographer retains commercial use rights, and commercial use requests are handled by each photographer according to his or her wishes. Forestry Images or The Bugwood Network do not collect any fees for commercial use, although some photographers do charge for commercial use.

Images archived and accessible through ForestryImages and the sister site Invasive.org [www.Invasive.org: The Source for Information and Images of Invasive & Exotic Species], are used in a wide range of uses including: PowerPoint Presentations, educational flyers and booklets, newspapers and trade journals, scientific journals, websites, textbooks, CD-ROMs and basically anywhere images can be used.

ForestryImages supports web services for sharing information and images across the web for those applications with those capabilities and needs.

The Bugwood Network has become **The Center for Invasive Species & Ecosystem Health at the University of Georgia www.bugwood.org/center/**. The mission of The Center is to serve a lead role in development, consolidation and dissemination of information and prog-

rams focused on invasive species, forest health, natural resource and agricultural management through technology development, program implementation, training, applied research and public awareness at the state, regional, national and international levels.

The Center Goals are:

- To become a preeminent national and international public service and outreach center
- To develop collaboration between UGA and state, university, federal and international partners
- To integrate and develop information and programs
- To serve as a clearing house for information, applied research and training
- To promote public awareness, education and applied research

Current Center Projects

- Develop and administer twenty educational web systems (148 million hits in 2007)
- Seek and archive digital images in four topic-based web systems to support educational activities (76,000 images from 1300 photographers)
- Manage the Georgia Cooperative Agricultural Pest Survey Program and Georgia Invasive Species Task Force
- Develop policy and protocols for early detection and rapid response of invasive species
- Provide image support for USDA CSREES, USDA APHIS and USDA Forest Service projects
- Facilitate and extend program development in Europe and Central America

Please visit:

The Center for Invasive Species & Ecosystem Health www.bugwood.org/center

ForestryImages: www.ForestryImages.org, and

Invasive.org: www.Invasive.org

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