



# WTCAC EMERALD ASH BORER (EAB) WEB SERIES

## WEEK 5 AGENDA

Thursday February 18<sup>th</sup> 1PM – 3PM CST

[Register Here](#)

### Week Five – Infestation! Now what?

Time	Title	Speaker
1:00 PM	Welcome and WTCAC introduction from WTCAC President	Tina Van Zile
1:05 PM	Setting the Stage	Paul Koll
1:10 PM	Genetic resistance: a tool in the fight against EAB	Jennifer Koch
1:30 PM	Parasitoids – Rearing, Release, and Results	Ben Slager
1:50 PM	Research on Optimizing Releases and Determining the Establishment and Impact of the Biocontrol Agents	Juli Gould
2:10 PM	Break	
2:15 PM	Ash, EAB, and Threats to Manoomin	Christian Nelson
2:35 PM	Panel Q & A & Open Discussion (Pre-submitted questions encouraged)	
	Wrap up and plug for next week’s presentations	Paul Koll

### Week Five Speaker Biographies



**Jennifer Koch** is a Research Biologist with the USDA Forest Service, Northern Research Station in Delaware, OH. She has both a M.S. and Ph.D in Molecular Genetics from the Ohio State University. Her research is focused on the genetics of forest tree resistance to invasive insects and pathogens, developing methods to identify, propagate, and breed resistant trees. She has successfully developed and implemented a participatory, multi-agency breeding program for beech bark disease resistant American beech trees and her work is currently focused on identifying and breeding ash trees with resistance to the emerald ash borer. [jennifer.koch@usda.gov](mailto:jennifer.koch@usda.gov)

**Ben Slager:** Ben Slager is an entomologist by training and currently directs the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) Biological Control Rearing Facility in Brighton, MI. He joined the EAB program in 2015 and has worked to facilitate expanding the biological control release footprint, increase public awareness of EAB biological control, and communicate technical information across national working groups. Ben also collaborates with USDA colleagues to further understand the biology and interactions of the EAB and its associated parasitoids. Email: [benjamin.h.slager@usda.gov](mailto:benjamin.h.slager@usda.gov)

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**Juli Gould:** Juli Gould has worked on insect biological control since the 1980's, working on projects to control gypsy moth, ash whitefly, eucalyptus long horned borer, Russian wheat aphid, silverleaf whitefly, and salt cedar. Since relocating to Massachusetts, Juli has been conducting research on developing biocontrol strategies for emerald ash borer, Asian long horned beetle, spotted lanternfly, polyphagous shot hole borer, and Roseau cane scale. Juli S. Gould is an Entomologist for USDA APHIS PPQ S&T Laboratory Email: [juli.r.gould@usda.gov](mailto:juli.r.gould@usda.gov)



**Christian Nelson:** Christian has worked in Lake States forestry for over 20 years, including more than 16 YEARS with the Fond du Lac Band, three years concurrently working for the Mille Lacs Band, and five years working for the Minnesota and Wisconsin DNR. In addition to experience, Christian has pursued a bachelor's degree in wildlife management, a master's degree in forest management and has completed 440 hours of graduate-level advanced silviculture training through the U.S. Forest Service National Advanced Silviculture Program. Christian strives to apply the best and most current forest and fire management science in a way that represents the short and long-term interests of the Fond du Lac Band in an ever-changing natural and political environment so Band members may continue to exercise Tribal sovereignty, hunting, fishing, and gathering rights now and into the future. Email: [ChristianNelson@fdlrez.com](mailto:ChristianNelson@fdlrez.com)

### The Planning Committee

The planning for this event began fall of 2019 and was planned to be an in-person event hosted by the Oneida Nation in May of 2020. We all know why that couldn't happen. This past fall, the planning committee reassembled virtually and started planning this web series. If possible, we would also like to have a field component this summer to accompany this series. More details to follow if this is possible. This event could not have been possible if it wasn't for the bi-weekly meetings and commitment from the following individuals. Thank you for dedicating your time and expertise to this event!

- Paul Koll, Stockbridge Munsee Tribe
- Gena Abramson, Bad River Tribe
- Jon Pruitt, WTCAC
- Leigh Greenwood, TNC
- Bill McNee, WDNR
- Tina Van Zile, Sokaogon Mole Lake Tribe
- Michael Benedict, BIA
- Melissa Johnson, Oneida Nation
- Russ Bullock, APHIS PPQ
- Steve Garske, GLIFWC
- Herbert Bolton, APHIS PPQ
- Jeff Mears, WTCAC
- Kira Kauffmann, USFS
- Colleen Matula, WDNR
- Philomena Kebec, GLIFWC
- Marcella Windmuller-Campione, UM
- Deborah McCullough, MSU
- Lacey Hill Kastern, WTCAC
- Nathan Siegert, USFS
- Jennifer Koch, USFS