

Agenda for the online course, An Introduction to the American Chestnut

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Short description: The course is a self-paced course with interactive features. Learners can download information or navigate to external websites. Topics such as biology, silvics, ecology, and effects of non-native species are covered. The course has audio to accompany each page, dendrology tables for download, and a glossary.

Topics and approximate time to complete in parenthesis:

Welcome (10 minutes)

- Welcome
- Pre-course survey
- Pre-course assessment

Silvics (15 minutes)

- Taxonomy
- Dendrology
- Reproductive biology
- Range and extent
- Life history and growth patterns

Values (10 minutes)

- Historical values
- Ecological values

Demise of the American chestnut (10 minutes)

- Phytophthora and chestnut blight
- Other pests

Post-blight forests (5 minutes)

- Post-blight replacement and survival

Wrap-up (10 minutes)

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- Post-survey survey
- Post-survey assessment
- Course completion