

Wisconsin First Detector Network (fyi.uwex.edu/WIFDN)

Wisconsin First Detector Network (WIFDN) is a citizen science volunteer network designed to improve the detection and reporting of invasive species throughout Wisconsin. WIFDN combines online learning through recorded videos and interactive webinars with hands on training and volunteer opportunities. **WIFDN invites you to participate in this network.**

WIFDN Interactive Webinar series: Each year we conduct 3-5 interactive webinars that include presentations from various invasive species experts. Webinars are from 1:00-2:30 (3/25, 4/8, 4/22, 5/6). Webinars are recorded and made available via the website if you are not able to attend.

March 25th – History of insect and disease invasions in Wisconsin, an overview and update on current status. Presented by **PJ Liesch** and **Brian Hudelson**, UW Extension Specialists and directors of the Insect and plant disease diagnostic clinics

April 8th – Early detection of aquatic invasive species in Wisconsin. Learn about Asian carp as well as several common EDRR plant species that are invading Wisconsin. Presented by **Paul Skawinski** and **Tim Campbell** (Wisconsin DNR and UW Extension Aquatic specialists)

April 22nd – Biological control of invasive species, an overview of the concept, regulation and future of this method of control of invasive species. Presented by

Roger Becker (University of Minnesota Professor and Extension weed specialist)

May 6th – Invasive species volunteer opportunities available through WIFDN. Listen to experts from USDA-APHIS PPQ (**Art Wagner**) and

UW-Madison/Extension (**Niels Jorgensen, Mark Renz**) that discuss volunteer opportunities available for you to participate in.

If you are interested in participating in one or more webinars, please email Tony Summers (asummers2@wisc.edu) at least one day prior to receive access.