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John studied Biology at Macalester College (BA 1960) and Forestry at Yale University (MF 1962) and the University of Michigan (PhD 1968). He has worked in Oregon, Wisconsin, and in Alaska for 25 years, where he currently holds the position of Affiliate Professor of Land Resources at the University of Alaska.

John grew up in Northern Minnesota and enjoys kayaking/canoeing, gardening, making birch bark baskets and just being in the woods!



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Abstract

Goods from the woods or non-timber forest products—what’s your favorite? Blueberries, cranberries? Birch bark? Maple and birch sap? Balsam bough? Spruce roots? Mushrooms? Is there a right way to harvest or collect it? Does the harvest of your favorite affect the harvest of somebody else’s favorite either now or in the future? Is harvest of these special things sustainable? Can silvicultural systems be developed that integrate wood production with the “goods”? Yes? No? Maybe? Do we really know or for that matter care? We will explore some of these questions and the relationship of silvicultural practices to availability of some non-timber forest products commonly gathered in the forests of northern Minnesota and Alaska. So come and join the discussion about birch bark and sap, black ash baskets, and balsam and club-moss wreath materials....all important goods from the woods.



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