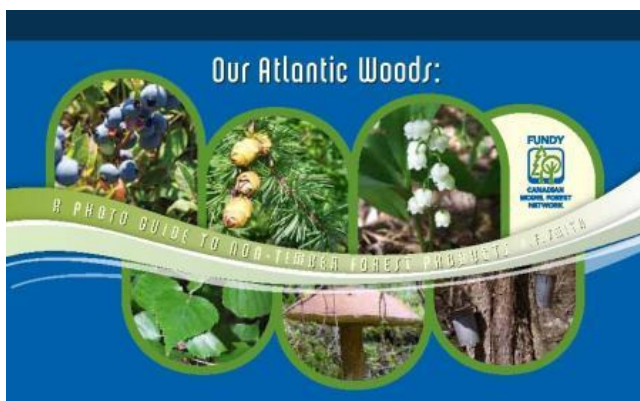




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Demand High for NTFP Photo Guide

Copies of Our Atlantic Woods: A photo guide to Non-timber forest products are available in English public libraries and bookmobiles throughout New Brunswick. The New Brunswick Department of Education is placing copies in all English and band school libraries.



“We produced the guide as a tool to help woodlot owners assess their woodlands for the potential to develop a small or medium-sized business from NTFPs. We have been very pleasantly surprised by the interest it is drawing outside the woodlot sector. The guide is in public libraries and we are getting requests for copies from all sorts of people who simply enjoy nature. They want to take it along so they can identify more of the plants that they are seeing on outings,” Fundy Model Forest General Manager Nairn Hay said.

The 112-page full colour field guide can be used to identify trees, small shrubs, mushrooms and other plants that could be developed into marketable non-timber forest products. Each plant is accompanied by charts showing the types of forest stand where it is typically found, its light requirements, and a chart indicating marketing possibilities.

Author Dr. Ron Smith has 15 years of experience in researching NTFP. In addition, each species is accompanied by a chart indicating in what type of forest stand it is most likely to be found.

Recognizing that responsible, sustainable methods for harvesting many non-timber forest products have yet to be developed, he selected selected species that are among the more common ones found in the Acadian forest region.

As the demand for non-timber forest products increases, Fundy Model Forest and its partners will continue to help develop methods and systems for the sustainable management of these valuable resources.

Fundy Model Forest, along with other Model Forests in the Maritimes and throughout Canada, has been working for several years to promote the diversification of the woodlot economy through managing for multiple values as a means to sustain rural communities.

Dr. Smith and Fundy Model Forest gratefully acknowledge the assistance of the Lac-Saint Jean Model Forest in providing photos for the chapter on mushrooms. The photos first appeared in their publication, Champignons comestibles du Lac-Saint-Jean.