



Estimating Deer Density and Impacts on Forest Resources

A Workshop for Land Stewards

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Frost Valley YMCA
Claryville, New York

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The white-tailed deer is very adaptable, thriving in a variety of habitats, including landscapes predominated by people and their activities. When predation and other losses are low and food resources are plentiful, deer populations can double every 2 to 3 years. High deer populations can adversely affect plant and animal communities in a forest for decades.

The objective of the workshop is to provide land stewards with an understanding of deer behavior as well as a user-friendly technique to estimate local deer densities. The workshop offers participants the tools to more effectively manage deer on properties they own and/or manage.

Presenters: *Dave deCalesta*, USDA Forest Service, Research Wildlife Biologist; *Scott Haulton*, SUNY-ESF, Wildlife Biologist

Continuing Education Credit:

SAF Certified Forester Credits: This workshop has been approved for 4 Continuing Forestry Education Category I credits.

Workshop Location: Frost Valley YMCA, Claryville, New York

[Directions](#) will be sent with acknowledgment of registration.



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Preliminary Program

8:00 am Registration

Classroom Session

8:30 **Welcome and Introductions**, *Mike Larison*, Frost Valley YMCA and *René Germain*, SUNY-ESF
Description of Workshop, *Dave deCalesta*, USDA Forest Service

8:45 **Review of Deer Biology and Social Dynamics**, *Scott Haulton*, SUNY-ESF

9:30 **Impact of Deer on Forest Resources and Localized Deer Management**, *Dave deCalesta*, USDA Forest Service

10:00 Break

10:15 **Estimating Deer Density on Your Woodlot with the Deer Pellet Group Technique**, *Dave deCalesta*, USDA Forest Service

11:30 Lunch (provided)

Field Component

12:30 pm Demonstration of the Deer Pellet Group Technique

1:00 Teams move to areas for conducting pellet group count.

1:30 Teams conduct pellet group count, then return to classroom.

4:00 Data analyzed and interpreted.



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Registration Information

To Register: *Please preregister!* Simply fill out and mail the registration form with your registration fee. You may register by phone by calling ESF Continuing Education at (315) 470-6891; or fax to (315) 470-6890.

Early Registration Discount: Registrations *and payment* must be *postmarked* by April 20, 2001 if you wish to qualify for the early discount. Government or corporate purchase orders received by the deadline also qualify for the early discount.

Workshop Fees: Early registrations, postmarked by April 20, 2001 are eligible for the discount fee of \$60. If postmarked after April 20, the full fee is \$75. The workshop fee includes lunch and refreshments, and materials.

Fees are payable to SUNY-ESF. VISA or MasterCard also accepted.

Refunds: SUNY-ESF reserves the right to cancel any program in the event of insufficient registrations. A full refund will be given if a program is canceled. Participants who wish to withdraw must give written notice one week in advance to receive a full refund. After that date a \$25 cancellation fee will be charged. Substitutions are permissible at any time.



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Registration Form

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Name _____ Phone (____) _____

Organization _____ Fax (____) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ email _____

Register me for the Deer Density Workshop on May 1, 2001

Enclosed is my workshop fee,

Fees: **If paid** by April 20, 2001: \$60

If paid after April 20, 2001: \$75

Credit Card Payment: VISA Mastercard

Account Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Signature: _____

Special needs: _____

Mail form to: ESF Continuing Education, SUNY College of Environmental Science & Forestry, Syracuse, NY 13210-2784

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