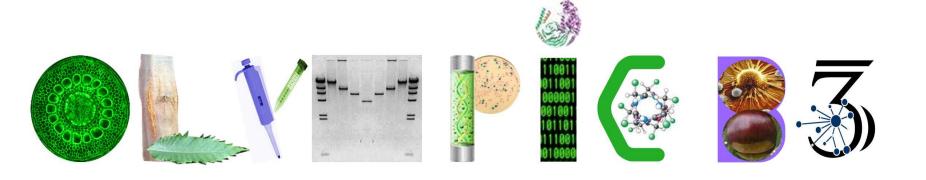
### B-3 Summer Program – 1<sup>st</sup> Day

- Overview
- Introductions (Getting to Know You Activity)
- Pre-assessment
- Speakers
  - Ms. Lisa Thomson President TACF
  - Mr. Steve Barilovits Treasurer
  - Ranger Kelly Cooke Crowders Mountain
- Sample collection and phenotype
- Thursday and Friday's Field Trips



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http://webpages.uncc.edu/~jweller2/pages/SummerCamp2016/SummerCamp2016\_Schedule.html

# Chestnut Family

(Castanea species)

	Chinkapin	Japanese	Chinese	European	American
Blight resistance	slight	moderate	high	slight	none

#### **DNA Barcoding:**

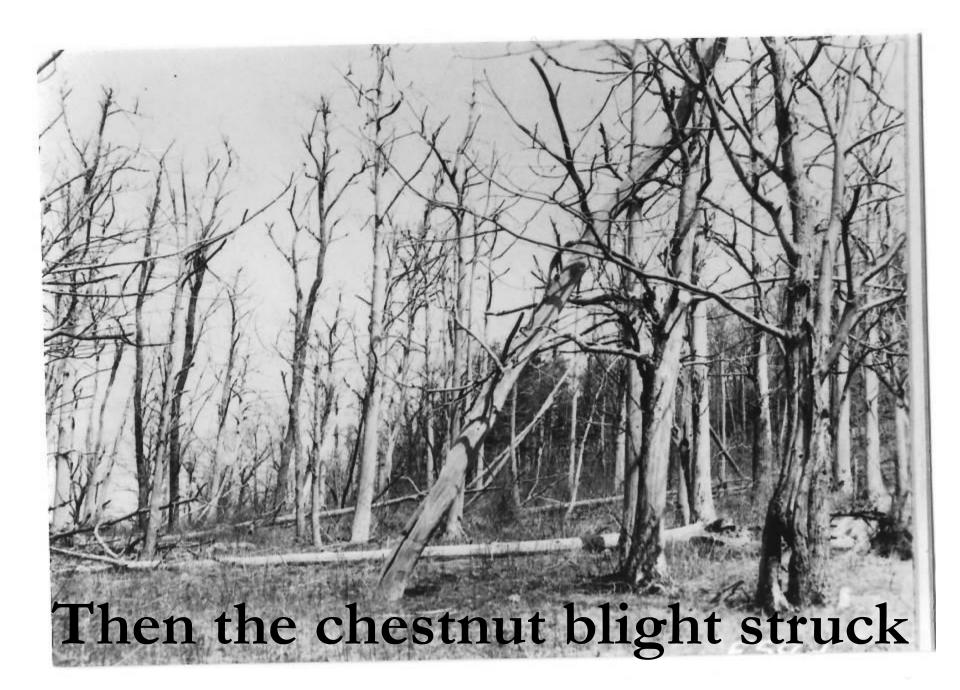
Using the DNA from the chloroplast, Distinguish the American Chestnut (no resistance to the fungal blight) from the Chinese Chestnut (high blight resistance).



The blight is caused by a fungus, **Cryphonectria parasitica**, introduced from Asia.

Blight enters the tree though the cracks typical of chestnut bark and through wounds. It forms a canker and quickly girdles the tree.





#### Introductions

- Staff
- Getting to Know You Activity

## **Pre-Assessment**

#### **Daily Schedule**

• June 15<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup>

- Labs: Monday –
   Thursday
  - 9 am 2 pm

- 9:00 10:00 am
  - Job of the day information
  - -Snack
- 10:00 11:30 am
  - Lab
- 11:30 12:00 pm
  - Lunch
- 12:00 2:00 pm
  - Lab
  - Speakers

#### Field Trip – Research Orchard 6/16

# Purpose: Understanding Tree Research Sample collection for laboratory work

- Thursday, 6/12
- Leave at 7:45 am
- Schedule
  - Orientation: 10:30
  - Field work 1½ hours
  - Lunch
  - Learning about the orchard

- Permission slip
- Dress:
  - Long slacks
  - Closed toe shoes
  - Crew length socks
- Water bottle (refill)
- Medication, if needed
  - Wasp/bee stings
  - Asthma

## Research orchard





### Field Trip – Crowders Mountain State Park

#### Purpose: Sample collection for laboratory work **Understanding forest environment**

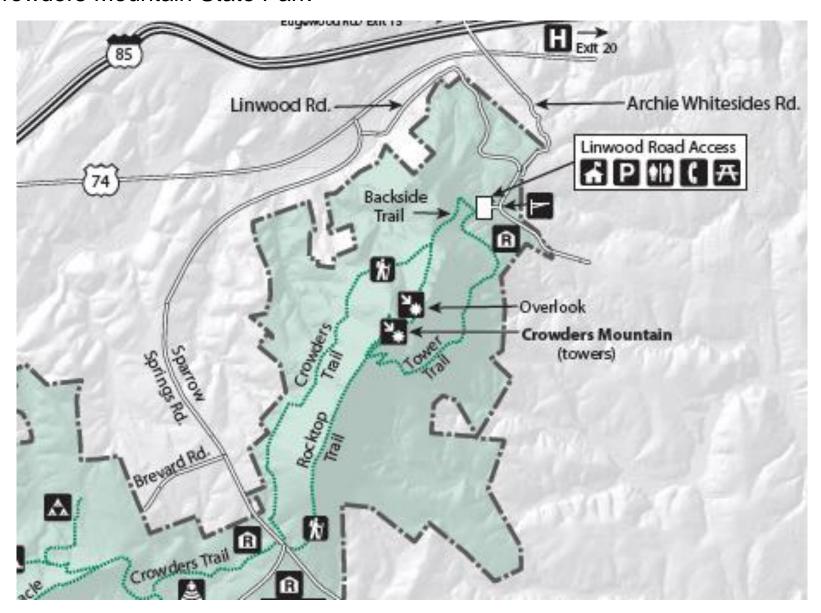
- Friday, 6/17
- 8:00 am

- Schedule
  - Orientation

  - Lunch

- Permission slip
- Dress:
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  - Closed toe shoes
  - Crew length socks
- Field work 2½ hours
   Water bottle (refill)
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#### **Crowders Mountain State Park**



#### Chestnut Sprout Crowders Mt. Fall 2007



American Chestnut Restoration Project - USDA
 Forest Service - Southern Region

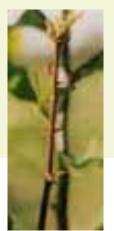
#### **Education Box**

Leaves:
Top View | Bottom View



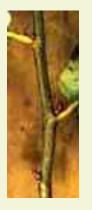


Stipules: American|Chinese





**Buds and Stems:** American Chinese





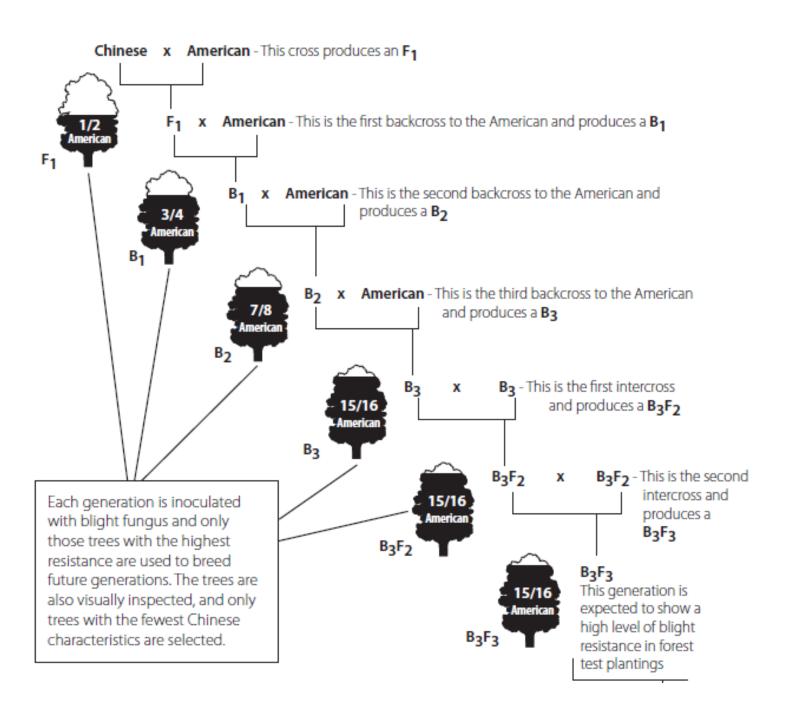
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Burs | Nuts





# THE AMERICAN CHESTNUT FOUNDATION'S BACKCROSS BREEDING PROGRAM

TACF's backcross breeding program begins by crossing an American chestnut and a Chinese chestnut. This is followed by three successive generations of crossing back to American chestnut trees to restore American characteristics. In between each breeding step, the trees are inoculated with blight fungus (*Cryphonectria parasitica*) and only those trees showing strong blight resistance and American characteristics are chosen to breed additional generations. For the final two generations, trees with proven blight resistance are intercrossed with each other to eliminate genes for susceptibility to blight introduced from the American parents.



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