A cooperative agreement between Forest Health Technology Enterprise Team (FHTET) and the University of Georgia. The Entomology and Forest Resources Digital Information Work Group (Bugwood Network) has led to the development of a forest health photograph gallery on the Internet. The Forestry Images web site (http://www.forestryimages.org) has a primary focus on forest insects and diseases, but it also includes images of topics related to forest health, such as weeds, invasive species, other damage agents, wildlife, silviculture practices, and images of people and outdoor scenes.

Web Site

The Forestry Images web site was officially opened to the public in the summer of 2001 and already contains six thousand high-quality, well-documented images by nearly 200 photographers on over fourteen hundred different subjects. New images are added to the site as photographs are made available to the Bugwood Network.

The Web site is user-friendly, well-organized, and has a comprehensive built-in search engine. The images are stored in the JPEG compression format, which efficiently stores the images in multiple resolutions. A database is used to organize the images and their associated documentations.

Images

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The images located at the site can be viewed and downloaded in five different resolutions, from 192x128 pixels to 3072x2048 pixels. The two higher resolutions are only available to registered members. Membership is free and it only takes seconds to become a registered member. Membership provides additional functions, such having the capability to build individual "libraries" of existing images.

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