

i-Tree Open Academy 2024

Session 5: i-Tree Eco

The Keystone Tool for Canopy Assessment

April 24, 2024 1:00pm Eastern Time Davey Institute/USDA Forest Service















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- Exercises available
- Use Chat for questions
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The trees around you: remove hazardous pollutants from the air you breathe absorb carbon dioxide from the air to store as wood and control storm water by intercepting and absorbing rainfall.

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Beta release: Quick tree canopy and related information for you web browser or Android | Apple devices





i-Tree is for everyone.

These are free tools and free support for students of all levels, homeowners, community advocates, sustainability officers, urban foresters, and more

i-Tree Open Academy - Spring

2024

Register Here

What:



The i-Tree Open Academy virtual learning series is back for spring of 2024, with everything you need to explore the latest from the i-Tree suite of tools. Whether your work with trees involves planting, managing, funding, educating, or beyond - i-Tree can help you better understand the benefits that trees provide, the impacts of where those benefits are, and how to apply that science to your project goals.

Who:

This seminar-style offering will serve as both a refresher and an introduction to the newest tools and features, with one-hour virtual sessions over a six-week period. There is no fee for the Academy, and you can join all live sessions, or select those that meet your schedule and interests. Register by filling out the participant form.

We will be offering continuing education credits (CEUs) for both the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) and the New Jersey state Urban and Community Forestry program. One CEU is available for each of the live sessions attended.

How:

All sessions will be streamed live via this Microsoft Teams link. They will also be recorded and posted below as well as on the i-Tree YouTube channel, so that you can catch up on anything you missed. There are no requirements for this course, and there will be self-directed exercises that you can use to gain experience using the tools. You are encouraged to submit any questions related to the course via info@itreetools.org, and there will be opportunities to ask questions during certain live sessions and office hours.

When: session is one hour long and red Wednesdays at 1:00 pm (Eastern US time). Note: Office hours days and times may vary. March 20th – Introduction to i-Understand the basic science of i-Tree and the USFS research behind it. Explore the relationships between the i-Tree tools and the data they provide. Start to consider which i-Tree tools will be best for the application you have in mind. • Video Recording Presenter Slides • Self-Directed Exercise - Ses

m MyTree, i-Tree Design, and i-Tree Planting. Explore the easiest to use online i-Tree tools for individual trees. Get a Marc better sense of their advantages and most common uses.

Video Recording

Q&A

 Presenter Slides Self-Directed Exercise - Session 2

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i-Tree Eco: The keystone for canopy assessment

- Sometimes more is...more! Eco • requires more comprehensive input, and offers more robust analysis
- Flexible, downloadable tool -
- Can incorporate tree structure, risks, and forecasts for benefits analysis
- The science behind Eco is what drives all of the other i-Tree tools



What does Eco provide?

i-Tree Eco provides extensive forest and individual tree analyses including the following: Functional Analyses:

- Pollution removal and human health impacts
- Carbon sequestration and storage
- Hydrology effects (avoided run-off, interception, transpiration)
- Building energy effects
- Tree bio-emissions
- Avian habitat suitability (plot-based projects; limited to 9 bird species) Avian Habitat Suitability Report Example
- Ultraviolet radiation (UV) tree effects UV Report Example

Structure and composition analyses:

- Species condition and distribution
- Leaf area and biomass
- Species importance values
- Diversity indices and relative performance

Forecasting modeling options including:

- Tree planting inputs
- Extreme event impacts for weather and pests
- Annual mortality adjustments

Management information including:

- Pest risk analysis
- User defined optional fields
- Cost benefit analysis

Eco Report Examples - Springfield MA Squares

These are examples of exported structural, benefit analyses, individual level PDF reports from a demonstration project applying Eco to (2) small public squares. You will not need Eco installed to view examples of these reports.

• Springfield Square report examples: Springfield Eco zip file package (6.3mb)

Who is using Eco?

Thousands of people in the United States and internationally have used Eco for projects ranging from

small tree inventories to regional scale assessments. Eco users include government agencies, consultants, nonprofits, universities, researchers, volunteers, educators, advocates and more.



Understanding i-Tree



Table 2.—Summary of which directly field-measured characteristics are used to estimate derived variables and ecosystem services. D= directly used; I= indirectly used; C= conditionally used.



Plan for today

- 1. Setting up your first project
- 2. Key decisions
- 3. i-Tree Eco data to results
- 4. Is i-Tree Eco right for you?

i-Tree Tool Relationships

The i-Tree Eco Framework

Structure

- Summary of field measurements
- Leaf area
- Tree condition
- Species distribution
- Diameter distribution

Function

- Air quality improvement
- <u>Energy effects</u>
- <u>Carbon storage &</u> <u>sequestration</u>
- <u>Hydrology effects</u>
- Shade ultraviolet effects (UV)
- Foodscape characteristics
- Wildlife suitability avian focus
- Volatile organic compounds (VOC)
- Leaf nutrients, wood production, and more

Value

- Monetary value
- Equivalent values
- Health outcomes
- Cost Benefit analysis
- Summaries for management

Key Decision 1: What data will you collect?

Minimum Required Tree Data

- 1. Tree species
- 2. Diameter at breast height (DBH)

Optional but Recommended Tree Data

- 3. Total tree height
- 4. Height to live top
- 5. Height to crown base
- 6. Crown width (N-S)
- 7. Crown width (E-W)
- 8. % Crown missing
- 9. % dieback (condition)
- 10. Crown light exposure (CLE)
- 11. Land use

From field data to results

Understanding i-Tree: 2021 Summary of Programs and Methods David J. Nowak

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Data

Tree

Plot Data

Page 22 https://www.fs.usda.gov/research/treesearch/63636 Table 2.—Summary of which directly field-measured characteristics are used to estimate derived variables and ecosystem services. D= directly used; l= indirectly used; C= conditionally used.

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Crown health (condition/ dieback)				D	D						D	D	
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i-Tree model basics: Inventory data tree benefits?

Let's set-up an i-Tree Eco project

Rochester, MN Street Tree Inventory

Key Decision 2: Sample or complete inventory?

Random sample of plots

- City
- County
- Regional or watershed
- Large scale or forested areas

Complete inventory

- Parks
- Campuses
- Residential properties
- Specimen or single trees
- Only trees of interest

What is a sample and why would you do it?

- A small subset of the items you are interested in
- Easier than measuring the whole thing
- For statistical reasons must be random
- We can estimate how well our sample represents the whole population
- This is how London measures 8.5 million trees

What is a plot?

- By default 37.2 ft in radius, 1/10th acre in area.
- Plot size can be changed
- Tradeoffs between plot size and the number you can measure

Sample Plots vs. Complete Inventory

Characteristic	Sample	Complete				
Recommended area	City or larger	Any				
Number of plots	200 or more	not applicable				
Typical number of trees	>500	Any				
Access	Numerous permissions usually required	Often no permission required				
Accuracy	Some loss of accuracy due to sampling error	No sampling error, all trees of interest measured				
Results	Estimates expanded to whole area of interest	Estimates only for measured trees				

Key Decision 3: Will you stratify?

Dividing area of interest into categories

- Can be performed by any categories of interest (land use, ownership, political, watershed, etc.)
- Summaries generated by categories of interest
- Perform pre- or post- measurement (sample must be random)
- Can improve statistical accuracy
- Plots or complete inventory

Key Decision 4: How will you enter data? manual, mobile, or import

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Manual data entry: Collect on paper then directly enter in the i-Tree Eco interface

Data entry: mobile

Web-enabled mobile device

- 1. Measure and enter your selected field variables
- 2. Regularly submit data to Davey servers
- 3. Retrieve data into your i-Tree Eco Project

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button again.		2	4/27/20	12	Ingrowth		19.20	338	Black cherry (P	runus seroti	na)	Vacant	
Steps to Manually Add/Edit Data:		3	4/27/20	12	Ingrowth		34.60	352	American elm (Ulmus ameri	cana)	Vacant	
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 Use the lab key on your keyboard or the left and right arrows to move from 		6	4/27/20	12	Ingrowth		35.20	20	Silver maple (A	cer sacchari	inum)	Vacant	

Data entry: mobile, manual, or import

<u>Mobile</u>

- Useful for citizen science
- Multiple people can do data entry
- Need internet connected device, battery, safety
- Tedious for plots with lots of trees

<u>Manual</u>

- Use paper for permanent record
- Fewer potential issues
- Single user
- Slow

<u>Import</u>

- Ultimate flexibility
- Add value to existing inventories
- Quick
- Works for samples or complete inventory

Let's get some data into i-Tree Eco

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Mobile data entry

https://bit.ly/i-TreeSummer

i-Tree Eco structure results

Species Diversity/Composition Diversity reduces environmental threats, increases resilience

Size/Age Class Distribution

Distribution of age informs sustainability

Use i-Tree Eco ...

... when you have existing data.

... when you have resources for a large-scale project.

... if you can make good use of the wealth of results.

... to support management.

... when interested in a plotbased sample.

... for centralized project management.

Try another i-Tree tool ...

... when working with students or the public.

... to show that trees have benefits.

... when time is limited.

... to start conversations on trees and tree benefits.

... when you are interested in canopy cover.

... for priority planning.

i-Tree Eco is flexible

