



Dr. Josef Gorres Invasive 'Snake Worm' Seminar

Conventional wisdom tells us that earthworms are good for the soil. They improve soil drainage and aeration, increase nutrient availability, and enhance soil structure. While this may be true of some earthworm species, a family of more recently introduced earthworms are changing how we look at worms in the environment. Jumping worms (*Amyntas* spp.), also known as snake worms or crazy worms, are an invasive earthworm introduced to North America from eastern Asia. In short: they have the potential to dramatically change soil structure, impact forest ecology, and reduce biodiversity.

Dr. Josef Gorres has written extensively and researched on the invasive jumping worm (*Amyntas agrestis*), and will visit the Urban Forestry Center in Portsmouth on July 26 to give a seminar, open to the general public, sharing his knowledge and expertise on this invasive species. This talk will be scientific but also accessible and relevant to the home gardener and forest enthusiast.

UNH Extension Forestry Field Specialist Greg Jordan will give an introductory talk on New Hampshire forest ecology before the headlining talk from Dr. Josef Gorres.

Josef received a BSc in Physics from the University of Manchester, UK. He also has a PhD in Material Science from the University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology and a MS in Natural Resources Science from the University of Rhode Island. He is an Associate Professor at the University of Vermont, teaching Soil Science. His research interests are in soil fertility, soil ecology and invasive organisms.

For more information, visit extension.unh.edu/events/jumpingwormseminar.

You can read Dr. Gorres' blog at blog.uvm.edu/jgorres/amyntas/

Date & Location

July 26, 2018
12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Urban Forestry Center
45 Elwyn Rd.
Portsmouth, NH 03801

Registration is now open!

Cost for to attend is \$10.

CEUs are available for Master Gardeners.

Register online at
<https://bit.ly/2JcncrFL>

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