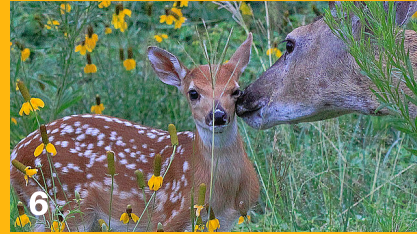


# Rx for a FIRE

Why prescribe a fire? Because our southern forests and grasslands need periodic fire the same way your garden needs periodic weeding.

Some habitats that follow fire and the wildlife that rely on them:

- 1 Prescribed fire in a pine forest
- 2 Lake Ramsey savannah (LA)
- 3 Young longleaf pines 6 months after a burn (MS)
- 4 Northern Bobwhite
- 5 Prairie Warbler
- 6 White-tailed deer fawn
- 7 Monarch butterfly on blazing star wildflower
- 8 Brown-headed Nuthatch
- 9 Mole salamanders



Most habitats in the Southeast are fire-adapted. They need periodic fire to stay healthy. Those fires historically came from Native Americans and lightning; now they come primarily from land managers and owners. "Prescribed fire" is a managed fire that clears underbrush, renews the forest, recycles soil nutrients, controls pests, and allows a greater diversity of grasses and wildflowers to grow. Species that rely on these refreshed habitats include monarch butterflies and other pollinating insects, deer, game birds, many songbirds, and even amphibians and reptiles.

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