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THE GLOVER'S LEDGER

A Monthly Newsletter

WELCOME! // KOLIPAŌ!

IT IS HOT. PITTA KEZABDA // VERY HOT. ON MY LAST VISIT TO GLOVER'S LEDGE I WANDERED THROUGH THE HAZY AIR, PAST DRY WETLANDS, AND ALONGSIDE DEVELOPING RASPBERRIES...AND WHAT GUIDED MY WAY? WHY, FANCY NEW SIGNS OF COURSE! SHOUT OUT TO STOFF FOR THIS GREAT WORK! WE HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL SOON AND SEND WELL WISHES FROM OUR NECK OF THE WOODS, TO YOURS.

TAKE CARE // WLINANAWALMEZI



Glover's Ledge was established on N'dakinna, the unceded ancestral homelands of the Western Abenaki peoples past and present. We acknowledge and honor with gratitude the land (ki), the water (nebi) and the alnôbak (people) who have stewarded N'dakinna through generations.

Kezabda: KEH-zah-bdah || Ki: Key || Nebi: NEH-bee || Alnôbak: AHL-nô-bahk (nasal "o" like the "au" in sauna)

SOCIALLY DISTANT BIOBLITZ SERIES A SUCCESS

PHYSICALLY DISTANT, BUT VIRTUALLY UNITED FOR CITIZEN SCIENCE

by Sara Lobdell



ALTHOUGH IT FEELS LIKE A LIFETIME AGO, IT WAS ONLY JUST THIS PAST APRIL THAT THE SOCIALLY DISTANT BIOBLITZ SERIES BEGAN IN LIEU OF THE TYPICAL IN-PERSON, SPRING BIOBLITZ AT GLOVER'S LEDGE. I COULD HAVE NEVER IMAGINED LAST APRIL THAT WHEN STEVEN LAMONDE OF ANTIOCH UNIVERSITY NEW ENGLAND, MICHAEL NERRIE OF DISTANT HILL GARDENS AND NATURE TRAIL, AND I, CHOSE TO TAKE THE SPRING BIOBLITZ VIRTUAL THAT WE WOULD HAVE SUCH WIDE-REACHING IMPACT AND SUPPORT. A HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL WHO TOOK PART!!! YOUR PARTICIPATION MEANT A GREAT DEAL NOT ONLY TO THE RESEARCHERS IN YOUR LOCAL AREA WHO COULD ONE DAY USE YOUR OBSERVATIONS, BUT ALSO TO YOUR FELLOW CITIZEN SCIENTISTS WHO DREW HOPE AND A SENSE OF PURPOSE FROM THESE COLLABORATIVE DAYS OF OUTDOOR EXPLORATION.

OVER THE [PAST FIVE SOCIALLY DISTANT BIOBLITZES](#) SPANNING JUST AS MANY MONTHS, AN IMPRESSIVE 65,446 OBSERVATIONS WERE MADE COVERING 10,911 SPECIES ON THE FREE ORGANISM IDENTIFICATION APP INATURALIST. 718 OBSERVERS AND 3,500 IDENTIFIERS PARTICIPATED WHO SPANNED THE GLOBE, FROM NEW ZEALAND AROUND AND BACK TO HAWAII, AND FROM THE SOUTHERN TIP OF ARGENTINA TO THE NORTHERN REACHES OF ALASKA AND NORWAY. CITIZEN SCIENTISTS IN THE NORTHEAST UNITED STATES HAD AN IMPRESSIVE TURNOUT.

AT GLOVER'S LEDGE, STUDENTS AND FACULTY SUBMITTED 82 OBSERVATIONS ACROSS 68 SPECIES. OF THOSE 68 SPECIES, THE BIGGEST HITS WERE COLT'S-FOOT (TUSSILAGO FARFARA) AND THE GENUS ANDRENA (BEES//WAWILÔMWAK). WHILE THE MAIN PART OF THE SERIES HAS COME TO A CLOSE, WE RECEIVED SEVERAL REQUESTS TO CONTINUE AND HAVE ADDED BIOBLITZES **ON JULY 26TH, AUGUST 16TH, AND SEPTEMBER 6TH**, THOUGH YOU MAY NOT SEE AS MUCH PUBLICITY FROM STEVEN, MICHAEL, OR MYSELF AS WE STEP BACK TO WORK ON OTHER PROJECTS. TO REGISTER FOR ANY OR ALL, VISIT: [HTTPS://WWW.INATURALIST.ORG/PROJECTS/SOCIALLY-DISTANT-BIOBLITZ-SERIES/JOURNAL](https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/socially-distant-bioblitz-series/journal)

WANT TO EXPLORE GLOVER'S LEDGE BETWEEN BIOBLITZES? NEVER FEAR! SIMPLY JOIN THE "[GLOVER'S LEDGE BIO-INVENTORY](#)" ON INATURALIST.ORG. ANY OBSERVATIONS YOU MAKE WHILE VISITING WILL BE AUTOMATICALLY ADDED TO THE PROJECT TO HELP US UNDERSTAND THE SPECIES WHO CALL GLOVER'S LEDGE HOME.



REFLECTIONS

A SPACE FOR STUDENT THOUGHT, ART, POETRY, COMMENTARY...

Kikas//The Planting Moon aligns with the month we call May. I share this now, in July, as a reminder that we always have each other to lean on, especially in these trying times. The community is here for you. Wlinanawalmezikw - take good care of yourselves.

Planting Moon Kikas

By: Carol Willette Bachofner, Dawnland Voices

Plunging hands into warm earth where worms have shed casts, have moved and gone through every seed row, we take care to plant the way our ancestors taught, sisters together for strength and company. We lean on each other too, family stories wound around and strong in the northeast wind that blows off the sea, that tries our memory.

She is *wasawak*, squash.
You are *adebakwal*, beans.
Kakiknia, I am corn.

- CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS -



Glover's Ledge is installing a brand new Free Library, and we want YOUR help to fill it! What narratives of the outdoors speak to you? Field guides? Children's books? We are trying to avoid the "danger of a single story" (see Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie's Ted talk!) and welcome your submissions!!

JUST RELEASED on Weebly
Technical Bulletin 0007

ALL ABOUT THE BAT SPECIES, BAT BOXES, AND BAT CONSERVATION AT GLOVER'S LEDGE!



- BIRD OF THE MONTH -

OVEN BIRD

by Steven Lamonde, photo by August Onsgard
Between May and September, this migratory, thrush-like, ground-nesting warbler sings a rising song, "teaCHER-teaCHER-teaCHER", that is a familiar voice in the forest soundscape. Its name refers to the Dutch-oven style nest this species builds.

- JULY ADVENTURE - GET OUT AND SMELL THE FLOWERS!



This month's challenge, should you choose to accept it, is to make a scent journal! Not of YOUR scent, silly...the smelly smells you smell around you! What does the air smell after rain? Without humidity? Do aromas change depending on what side of the mountain you're on, or what side of town? Is that a skunk or...ehem anyway, you get the picture.

Thank You for Visiting!!

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