

Listening Together

Muin & The 7 Hunters

Wildcat January 27, 2021

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Listening Together

- The goal of this project is to empower Mi'kmaq communities and environmental organizations of Kespukwitk in the use of bioacoustics for the protection, conservation, and restoration of species at risk and biodiversity. – *John F. Kearney*

Mi'kmaq Story of the Night Sky



Source

Stansbury Hagar. 1900.
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THE CELESTIAL BEAR

The Celestial Bear

THE MI'KMAQ people with whom I have been conversing are much conversant with the legends of the "Grizzly" and the "Black Bear." Among the legends of the latter group, we can easily recognize the antecedents of the early accounts when they pointed out the stars in the "Grizzly" and "Black Bear" legends.

The story of these legends was already suggested by the discovery of other parts of America of native traditions of a legend, a grizzly through which, and a bear, and a bear, as well as a story, including legends, customs, and the use of the stars as a sacred symbol. Tradition, therefore, they reported the identity of the "Grizzly Bear" and "Black Bear" as only another part of the same legend, and stated that the same story.

While the explanation is not possible today, the interesting question remains as to what the legends have been.

The answer is best found by an examination of the traditions mentioned with this article. It was seen to have been called the "Bear" and nearly the whole of our continent when the first Europeans of whom we have knowledge arrived. They were known as the "Black Bear" as far west as Texas, and as the "Grizzly" as far east as the Pacific Coast, and as the "Black Bear" as far west as the Pacific.

There is little doubt that the legends mentioned in this article are the same. What we seek legends connected with the "Bear" we find that is one of the antecedents of the legends of the "Grizzly" and "Black Bear."

Mi'kmaq of Nova Scotia
no specific individuals or communities named

Over the next two months, we will be deploying acoustic recording devices to monitor for selected bird species in and around the Wildcat Community.

Starting next week, we'll familiarize ourselves with the devices, decide on a recording schedule, learn how to program that schedule and finally deploy them to the selected areas.

The following week(s), we'll swap out sdcards and return to analyze the collected data.

Bioacoustics

AudioMoth



Song Meter SM4



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Schedule

- January 27
Introduction
- February 3
Program and Deploy Devices
- February 10
Swap out sdcards
- February 17
Retrieve and redeploy devices
- February 24
Swap out sdcards
- March 3
Swap out sdcards
- March 10
Swap out sdcards
- March 17
Break
- March 24
Retrieve Devices
- March 31
Wrap up