THOMPSON'S POINT, CHARLOTTE, VERMONT: A PLATFORM FOR A FOLDER OF NATURE NOTES ON A WEBSITE

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Abstract

Thompson's Point on the Vermont side of Lake Champlain is an ecologically important peninsula about 1.5 miles long. Its dolomite cliffs support a rare upland natural community called Limestone Bluff Cedar - Pine Forest. Deep water, in combination with wide shallow bays surrounding the Point, make this one of Lake Champlain's most important fishing grounds.

Individuals at the Point have recently started a website: <www.thompsonspoint.org>.

The website developers have agreed that a section of Ecological Notes would be useful.

The purpose of this Capstone Project is to introduce the ecology of Thompson's Point to owners and renters of camps on the Point, as well as provide a platform for future contributions about the natural features and phenomena of the peninsula.

The area was traditionally inhabited by the Abenaki people and known as *Kwezowahomak*. More than 297 species specific Abenaki names are recorded for local flora and fauna; at least 67% of these species are known to occur on the Point. In the mid-1800s, European-Americans settled at the Point as a summer site for sport fishing and hunting. By 1900 most game birds, mammals, and fish were gone. The 230 acres of Thompson's Point is now owned by the town of Charlotte and managed through land use regulations designed to preserve and

protect the scenic beauty and the environmental quality of the land and lake. But in recent years, the site has been overrun by exotic invasive plants.

Some camp owners have begun to remove the invasive plants and regeneration of native seedlings is occurring. Bird and mammal life is also regenerating. Technical assistance from the State of Vermont is available to guide restoration techniques and Abenaki species lists specific to the Point can guide camp owners to help return Thompson's Point to its former glory.

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Introduction: Thompson's Point, Charlotte, Vermont

Lake Champlain is an integral part of the Champlain-Adirondack Biosphere

Reserve established by the United Nations in 1989. Thompson's Point on the Vermont

side of Lake Champlain is an ecologically important peninsula within it. Its dolomite cliffs

support a rare upland natural community called Limestone Bluff Cedar - Pine Forest.

There are currently 21 state-significant examples known, together occupying only 360

acres. Cedar bluff forests are highly threatened by development as they occur on low cliff
tops with commanding views of Lake Champlain. Given their rarity, concentration of
rare species, and known threats, Limestone Bluff Cedar-Pine Forests are a conservation
priority in the state.

Thompson's Point and Split Rock on the New York side, pinch the deepest and most narrow part of the Lake. The deep water in combination with wide shallow bays on either side make this one of Lake Champlain's most important fishing grounds. The area was traditionally inhabited by the Abenaki people. The 230 acres of Thompson's Point is now owned by the town of Charlotte. The land is leased to a summer community that has developed over the past 150 years. The original ecological pattern of native species is still evident on the Point but there is increasing pressure upon it. There is increasing threat, through the homogenization of vegetation communities through exotic plantings and invasive species, of long-term loss of biological heritage and the special sense of place that has always been palpable on the Point.

Materials and methods

To assemble the information for this project, I relied mostly on local expertise of the Point. Species lists were assembled with input from the experts e.g. 1/ trees were identified by Professor Lawrence S. Hamilton (Senior Advisor, Mountain Biome World Commission on Protected Areas/IUCN and local tree warden); 2/ birds were identified by world renowned "birder" Hank Kaestner (Cox, 2007), a resident who has been recording avian presence for several years; 3/ fish were identified through the State of Vermont, Department of Wildlife comprehensive Fish in Vermont species list; and 4/ bats caught by me were identified by an expert from the Vermont Department of Wildlife. I observed mammals, reptiles, amphibians, insects, invertebrates, and flowers, in the meadows, forests, and shores of Thompson's Point during the summers of 2006 and 2007. I also extracted information from a private collection of dried plants obtained at Thompson's Point between the years 1970-1972.

Especially important written sources included the report *A Natural and Cultural Resource Inventory and Planning Recommendations for Thompson's Point, Charlotte* (Harris,1991), *The Historic Thompson's Point Fishing Grounds* (Glenn & Teetor, 2005), and a memoir by Jeanne Brink (1996), of her grandfather Simon Obomsawin, Abenaki resident of Thompson's Point. The *Western Abenaki Dictionary* (Day, 1994) was read from beginning to end, and all names of flora and fauna were transcribed from it.

Finally Dave Adams, Habitat Specialist for the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department, Agency of Natural Resources, and I "walked the site". He identified the invasive plant species and the native saplings being suppressed by them.

Results

Geology

Lake Champlain started forming 600 million years ago. A trough was formed when the tectonic plates that had collided one billion years ago (causing the uplift that formed the Adirondack Mountains) pulled apart (Harris, 1990).

The massive Wisconsin glacier covered all of New England 15,000 years ago and more than a mile of ice capped portions of northwestern Vermont. These millions upon millions of tons of ice depressed the earth's crust, bringing it below sea level. Some 12,500 years ago the glacier retreated north of the St. Lawrence lowland. Glacial striations and glacial till are still visible where the Pleistocene glaciers were funneled by the lake trough and then retreated. Large rocks remaining from the glacial till are called erratics and can be found dotted along the southern shoreline.

As the glacier retreated, saltwater flowed in from the Atlantic Ocean to fill the depression that is now the St. Lawrence Seaway. The Champlain Sea was created. An arm of the sea extended into what is now known as the Champlain Valley where it remained for approximately the next 2,300 years. A skeleton of a Beluga (also known as White) whale (*Delphinapterus leucas*), believed to have lived 10,000 to 12,500 years ago, was found a mile inland from the Point and serves as proof (Howe, 1997). Many of Vermont's 77 native fishes arrived at this time (Langdon, Ferguson & Cox, 2006).

Released from the great weight of the ice, the ground slowly rebounded, and the ocean water began to flow north. It was replaced by fresh water melting into the valley and eventually the Champlain Sea disappeared. Lake Champlain has existed in its present form for about 9,000 years (Howe, 1997). It exits across the extensive deposits of glacial sand and silt that once covered the bottom of the Champlain Sea through the Richelieu River flowing north into the St. Lawrence Seaway to the Atlantic Ocean. The deepest part of the trough lies between Thompson's Point and Split Rock, where lake bottom is 400 feet below the lake surface and bedrock is 1000 feet below.

The rock type is sedimentary dolostone, a grey-black limestone-like stone which is high in calcium and magnesium-carbonate. Thompson's Point is the type location of the youngest formation, Cutting dolostone, which is the only dolostone horizon to hold fossils. The fossils are a small snail, *Ophileta*, of which only casts remain. (For further description of dolostone see Harris, 1990.) Flint lies between the layers within the dolomite.

Today, Thompson's Point is a peninsula of land on the Vermont side, about 1.5 miles long, easily recognized from the Lake, air, and land¹. The Point is clearly defined by its bedrock base - 40 foot bluffs on the northwest shore that gently descend to a ledge on the south shore (Harris, 1990). The tip of the Point marks the deepest part of the Lake (130 meters). On either side of the Point are wide bays. Converse Bay to the north is moderately deep (4 to 100 meters), with a stone and pebble base. Two small islands are in it. No significant streams or rivers flow into it. The southern bay called Town Farm

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¹ See a map of Thompson's Point here: http://tinyurl.com/2qu2e5

Bay is more shallow (1 to 22 meters) with more inlets and small bays. The base of the bay is filled with a marsh into which Thorpe and Kimball Brooks enter. The far side of the bay is another larger marsh through which the waters of a river (Otter Creek) and Lewis and Little Otter Creeks enter the Lake. The area is ideal for different life stages of many kinds of fish because of the confluence of different habitats—rivers, large and small bays, rocks and shoals, and wetlands—within a shallow bay next to the deep cold waters of the trough. Town Farm Bay has been considered one of the two most important fishing grounds in Lake Champlain since pre-historic times.

Ecology

The Lake moderates winter temperatures and increases cloud cover. The 150- day growing season is longer than in other parts of Vermont. The soils have been forming for about 10,000 years, since the present lake has occupied the Champlain Valley. Much of the clayey soil of Thompson's Point is forming from the silt particles deposited during the glacial retreats. The soils have a high water holding capacity, and much of the acreage on the Point, which is not exposed bed rock, is moist throughout the year. Within this small area many different species of flora and fauna have thrived.

The vegetative cover on Thompson's Point is indicative of the underlying conditions of the bedrock substrate. The moderated temperatures partially account for the traditionally southern species such as shagbark hickory and white oak, which are found in the Lake Champlain Valley and on the Point in particular. Prior to European settlement, the Point was likely forested. In the late 1700s it had a white pine transition hardwood

cover, rich in oak and hickory (Harris, 1990, p.17). Natural processes of revegetation and succession resulted in a forested site of mixed hardwoods including shagbark hickory, sugar maple, white cedar, hemlock, and white, red, and bur oaks would have covered cooler northern-facing portions and shoreline cliffs (Harris, 1990).

Native People

Evidence has been found of native people living in the area since the glaciers retreated. Arrowheads, stone axes, knives, and stone and clay pottery have been found along the banks of the rivers and streams entering the Bay. Six archaeological sites have been identified on Thompson's Point alone (Boulanger, 2006). Flint outcroppings within the dolomite were an important resource for Native Americans who used it to make tools such as knifes and arrowheads. Their quarry sites are still visible. A Native American ceramic vessel was found in 1997 by two men sport diving off Thompson's Point. It is a vessel with a pointed bottom 17.8 cm in diameter and 27.9 cm. in height. It was found on a ledge about 50 feet beneath the surface. It was dated by comparing it to other similar vessels of northeastern North America that had already been dated. It was built and decorated with simple stamped elements that were used about 2,000 years ago (Petersen, 1997). Archaeologists are puzzled about why the vessel was on the ledge and how it got there intact (Peterson, 1997). It is possible that this vessel is related to the story of a Chief who drowned there, when the canoe in which he was traveling, capsized in the rough waters (which are often encountered when rounding the Point). His spirit is believed to have 'dwelt on the Point and controlled the winds and waves, and a safe

journey could be assured by casting trinkets overboard – thus paying homage to the spirit of the Indian warrior' (Beach, 1959).

The indigenous people of the area when Europeans arrived were the Abenaki. The Abenaki lived in an area bounded by Lake Champlain in the west, the St. Lawrence Seaway in the north, and the Manchester – Portland part of the Atlantic Coast². The Western Abenaki lived in Vermont. The traditional fishing grounds of the Western Abenaki included the Town Farm Bay (Glenn & Teetor, 2005) and even after they were pushed north by the English invaders, to the village of Odanak, Quebec on the St. Francis River of the St. Lawrence Seaway, they continued to visit and fish from their traditional camp site at Little Otter Creek across the bay from Thompson's Point well into the 20th century. They also sold their handicrafts such as baskets and miniature birchbark canoes to seasonal campers on Thompson's Point (Glenn & Teetor, 2005). One family of the Obomsawins also lived on the Point until 1957, and are remembered in several memoirs (e.g. Brink, 1997; Gibbs, 1949)

Their language belongs to the Eastern Algonquian language group (Demarest, 1997). The Western Abenaki language dictionary was compiled by Gordon M. Day mostly at Odanak Village. One of his key informants was Simon Obomsawin who lived on the Point (Day, 1994). The Abenaki language is rich in words that described the area in which they lived. The Abenaki word for Lake Champlain is *Bitawbagok* (waters in between) and they believed it was the center of the universe (Demarest, 1997). The word for Thompson's Point is *Kwezowahomak*.

² For a full history see http://www.tolatsga.org/aben.html

Flora and Fauna of the Abenaki

Vermont, prior to extensive colonization by Europeans, was described as "a land of plenty" with abundant fish and fauna. According to the early naturalist and University of Vermont professor in Zadock Thompson, 1832, commented that the waters "swarmed with fishes of various kinds" (Langdon *et al.*, 2006). Salmon and lake trout were abundant; sturgeons were over six feet long and 200 pounds (Demarest, 1997). The land was full of white-tailed deer and wolves; cougars were also abundant.

More than 297 species specific Abenaki names are recorded of flora and fauna found in northeast North America (Day, 1994) (see APPENDIX 1). Of the species specific names, about 200 (67%) have been identified on Thompson's Point (see APPENDICES 2 and 3).

Sixty-nine trees are identified with Abenaki names. Even so, common tree names (e.g. Blue Beech, Grey Birch, and White Oak) are not in the dictionary, intimating that the words may have been lost. Words may be missing since much of the interviewing was done at Oldanak which in some ways is an ecologically different area than Lake Champlain and not all the known birds or fish or plants would have been there to serve as type examples. For example jewelweed (*Impatiens capensis*) is indigenous, common and an important medicine (as an antidote to poison ivy), yet it is not in the dictionary. Few non-native plants that are not food have Abenaki names. For example, although, oats, wheat, apples, pears, and peaches all have Abenaki entries, non-native garden flowers do not.

Thirty-seven species of mammals were identified through the dictionary. The species list of mammals is lacking Abenaki words for coyote and opossum (which are found on the Point) – which supports the understanding that coyotes and opossum³ are emergent species in this area. There *is* a word for wolf (*molsem*) supporting the understanding that wolves once lived in this area, even though they do not now. Words are not available for shrews or voles: it is not known if they ever had specific names or if they were categorized with "mice". Of the mammals with Abenaki names one could expect to see 31 of 37 in an intact ecosystem on the Point; only about 14 have been identified recently.

At least 32 fish species are identified by Abenaki names. The word for brook trout is *ziboiskotam*, but there are no Abenaki words available for rainbow or brown trout, which were introduced into Vermont in 1886 and 1892 respectively (Langdon, Ferguson & Cox, 2006). Only one alien species has an Abenaki name: carp (*Wobhagas*). Of the 45 fish species that could be expected at Thompson's Point, 24 have known Abenaki names. Some of the others may have been lost or were placed in such categories as "common fish" (e.g. chub, dace; *alnamagw*), "edible fish" (*mowomagw*), or "trash fish" (*miciganakws*).

The Lake Champlain basin is located on the Atlantic Flyway for migratory birds.

The birds migrating up or down Lake Champlain pass between Thompson's Point and

Split Rock, one of the narrowest parts of the Lake. The dictionary reveals 69 bird names.

Of the 184 birds so far identified on the Point, 35 (19%) of them are recorded in Abenaki.

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³ See http://www.esf.edu/aec/adks/mammals/opossum.htm

Probably some names have been lost, and other species were categorized in groups, such as "little winter birds" (*ponisipsak*). Poignantly there is a name for the now extinct passenger pigeon (*belaz*).

On the whole, although many words appear to be missing, the Abenaki lexicon can help us understand which flora and fauna are native to this area. And if you envision the names on the species list and match them with the geological features of the place, you can imagine how it was. Kwezowahomak was rich with flint, fish, timber, meat of mammals and large birds (e.g. turkeys!), and nuts. The cedars on the cliffs cushioned the interior forest from the winds of the open lake. The interior forest, was bounteous with hardwoods including butternuts, chestnuts, and hickory nut, and sugar maples. Wild grapes draped between the trees. On the ground of the moist forest were many delicate flowering plants including lilies, rare Indian Pipes, many of which are medicines. Corn was widely cultivated. Raspberries, blueberries, strawberries and blackberries produced producing decade after decade. Delicious *Helianthus* tubers were easily harvested.

Nutritious food was abundant all year round. The evidence suggests that it was harvested on a sustainable basis for 10,000 years.

Thompson's Point as Part of Charlotte

The State of Vermont was formed in 1791 by European-Americans. In 1839, the Town of Charlotte purchased 230 acres of shoreline, meadow and woodland at what was now known as Thompson's Point. The Town of Charlotte in 1839 purchased 230 acres of shoreline, meadow and woodland at Thompson's Point. By then white-tailed deer were nearly extinct in Vermont. The fish lasted longer but the taking of fish in the early to

mid-1800s knew no limits and were taken with lines and nets during all times of the year (Langdon *et al.*, 2006). Thompson's Point was a camp grounds for mostly European-American but also African-American fishermen using the Bay as a fishing grounds, as well as a sportsman's club for game birds (Harris, 1990). "There was a news report of over 100 persons fishing on the Thompson's Point Fishing Ground in one day in August of 1871 and some of them were camping out on the Point." (p.107). Fishing camps were instituted around the best fishing spots and during a week in 1873 for example, one group caught: 46 pike, 9 pickerel, 53 bass, 67 perch, 123 catfish, 4 eels, 1 ling [now called Bowfin or Burbot], and 2 gar (Glenn & Teetor, 2005, p.109). In 1874 the town began leasing lots and as a result, over time, campers moved out of their tents, and built camps among the cedars on 120 half-acre lakeshore lots.

By 1900, wolves and cougars had been extirpated. Lake trout and salmon had nearly disappeared (Langdon *et al.*, 2006). By 1923, according to a long time fisherman, pike fishing was nearly "done for" and commercial fishing around Thompson's Point ceased (Glenn & Teetor, 2005, p. 128). Thompson's Point (and all the fishing camps in nearby bays) became summer cottage settlements. Much of the forest cover was cut for construction and farming (Harris, 1990).

Now 114 camps occupy 50 acres at the periphery of the Point which are zoned for seasonal summer use only. The remaining 180 interior acres are undeveloped meadow, pasture, agricultural fields, and woodland.

Town of Charlotte By-laws

Thompson's Point is now managed within the Town of Charlotte Shoreland

District and Shoreland Seasonal Home Management District (Sections 2.6 and 2.7) "Land

Use Regulations, of March 7, 2006" The purposes of the Shoreland District are:

(a) to protect the scenic beauty, environmental qualities and recreational opportunities of Lake Champlain and its shoreline, as viewed from both the lakeshore and the water, (b) to minimize runoff pollution and maintain bank stability by maintaining a vegetated buffer within 100 feet of the shoreline, and (c) to allow residential and limited commercial development that is consistent with these aims and is compatible with the rural character of the town.

The purposes of the Shoreland Seasonal Home Management District are:

(a) to protect and preserve, for seasonal residential use only, those areas of Thompson's Point that have been historically developed for seasonal residential use and have remained essentially unchanged over the years; (b) to protect the unique historic and physical character of these areas; (c) to protect the scenic beauty of the shore land and lake, as viewed from the lakeshore and the water; (d) to protect the environmental quality of the area and the lake, and (e) to allow for development which does not adversely affect the town's natural and scenic resources or properties and uses in the vicinity, and is compatible with the rural character of the town.

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⁴ See: http://resources.vlct.org/u/Charlotte ZR 2006.pdf

In addition section 2.7.F.4 states that existing native woody vegetation between the shoreline and a structure shall be preserved and maintained. No existing or proposed use or activity shall result in soil erosion or adversely impact designated wildlife habitat areas. All trees on leased lots are owned by the Town, and permission from the Tree Warden shall be required for cutting or pruning within this district. Dead or storm damaged trees shall not be cut unless they are determined by the Tree Warden to be a hazard to structures or to public safety.

Ecology of Thompson's Point Today

Food, water, and cover are the three essential components of valuable wildlife habitat and all are available on the Point. There are a variety of habitats such as pastures, fields, pine forest, woodland forest, and wetlands that provide for a diversity of wildlife. In addition there are larger wetlands and undeveloped tracts of land contiguous to Thompson's Point. Seasonal use of the site by human beings is limited primarily to the months of June-September leaving the area free from human intervention for two-thirds of every year.

Limestone Bluff Cedar-Pine Forest is one of 80 natural community types recognized in Vermont (Sorenson & Popp, 2006). It occurs on the limestone and dolomite bluffs and outcrops found primarily along the shore of Lake Champlain and is dominated by northern white cedar (*Thuja occidentalis*). This rare community type is also known from New York, Quebec, and Ontario, and similar communities are described from limestone escarpments in the Great Lakes region. The cedars are characteristic of the

extreme conditions of bedrock, soil, wind, and a harsh lakefront habitat; they are also indicative of the calcium-rich dolostone bedrock below. The Point is ringed on three sides, the perimeter of the peninsula, with northern white cedar. Some of the cedars are 100 years old (Harris, 1990). It is largely this native tree cover that screens the camps from the Lake.

Interior to the rim are three types of communities. Predominant are mixed hardwoods including shagbark hickories, butternut, hop-hornbeam, sugar maples, beech and red, white and bur oaks. Inside the forest a habitat has been formed by the underlying mineral rich soil covered by the hardwood leaves which is perfect for columbine, trillium, jack-in-the-pulpit, trout lilies, wild ginger, ferns and Indian pipes.

Natural re-seeding does take place. For example, the Ansley's have a butternut tree about 7 cm diameter which was seeded from their neighbor's tree that died from a blight. Snags are left. Much of the area is left in a natural overgrown state. There are even a few flower gardens cultivating native species; purple vetch for example is lushly maintained at the Ansley's.

There are also smaller hemlock and white pine forests. And the center of the Point is used for agriculture, including the grazing of milk cows, and fields of hay and oats that have been on-going for about the last century. The fields are laden with alien flower species. Near the roadsides are escaped garden plants. The lawns and exotic flowering shrubs and flowerbeds are evidence of human gardeners influencing the herbaceous and shrub vegetation.

As in much of the warm Champlain Valley, invasive exotic species are a threat to the integrity of natural communities and the value of the area as wildlife habitat.

Limestone Bluff Cedar-Pine Forests are especially sensitive to invasion by exotic species after disturbance due to the calcium-rich bedrock on which the community occurs (Harris, 1990). The most invasive exotic species on the Point (and in the Champlain Valley) are: multiflora rose, Japanese barberry, two species of buckthorn, honeysuckle, purple loosestrife and Japanese knotweed (Dave Adams, personal communication, 22 January 2008). The latter four are considered a "serious threat to the state" (Vermont Agency of Natural Resources, 2003, p.2). At the Point non-native invasive exotics are widespread and these plants are suppressing the regeneration of native seedlings.

Hank Kaestner has identified 187 species of birds on the Point. Most were identified during the months of May-September, but 68 were migrants passing by during the months of October and November⁵. The Split Rock Channel is renowned among birders because the migrants who travel through it can be easily seen. During several mid-October to mid-December weekends in 2005 for example, 46,150 ring-billed gulls, 17,554 snow geese, 6,311 Canada geese, and 1,356 common loons were counted migrating (personal communication, Dick Lavelle and Ted Murin, Lake Watch, 2005). "They wait for the wind. During one day in the autumn of 2007, when the winds were about 20 miles an hour, north by northwest, about 15,000 terns flew by "(personal communication, January 22, 2008). Loons, bald eagles, and ospreys—all species that were extirpated are

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⁵ See: <u>www.Thompsonspoint.org</u>.

now making a comeback. Pileated woodpeckers, which were not seen on the Point for many years are now nesting regularly. Mallard ducks have also been nesting for the past ten years after a hiatus of many decades. Far fewer songbirds nesting on the porches may be a sign of better nesting places as the old growth trees mature, or fewer songbirds.

Deer, foxes, and rabbits can be seen everyday.

The fishing grounds around Thompson's Point however, have not recovered. As it has for over almost all of its 130 years, a 2003 article in Field and Stream declared Lake Champlain to be one of "America's best fishing spots." Only the definition of a good fishing spot has changed – now it is "Not just big fish, but waters of extraordinary beauty, diversity and unique personalities" (Glenn & Teetor, 2005). Even in the last three decades fishing has decreased markedly in that those people who formerly fished rarely bother to go out now, and when they do, don't expect to catch much. Most of the fish eaten by people around the Lake these days is from elsewhere. Even the species found in the Lake have changed in that some have been introduced and species that were formerly plentiful are now rare. The number of introduced species has steadily increased every decade since the 1930s, reaching a peak of 13 in the decade of the 1990s (Lake Champlain Basin Program, 2005). Zebra mussels for example were first discovered in Lake Champlain in 1993 and since then have thoroughly covered rocks, moorings, shipwrecks in deep water, municipal water facilities, and docks throughout the Lake (Hauser & Lynch, 2005). Now, to wade at Thompson's Point it is necessary to wear shoes to protect one's feet against their sharp shells. Relics of cement docks that are no longer allowed to be built are crumbling underwater, covering natural habitat, and providing

additional substrate for zebra mussels. The evidence these days of native mussels consists of empty shells.

Not all the Lake news is bad. The Lake Champlain Restoration Program, which began in 1973, has restored landlocked Atlantic salmon and lake trout to Lake Champlain and a 23 pound lake trout was caught near the Point in 1996 (Demarest, 1997). Sturgeon are endangered in Vermont, but a restoration program has begun through the Fish and Wildlife Department.

Discussion

Thompson's Point has a long rich history. The Native people probably were attracted first by the hunting, fishing and flint deposits. In the 19th century people of European descent "discovered" the Point and focused on hunting and fishing until it was depleted. In the 20th century, emphasis turned to agriculture and tourism. Due to its aesthetics, the Point became the base of an ongoing summer community, which continues to rent land governed and owned by the town of Charlotte.

Limestone Bluff Cedar-Pine Forests are a highly threatened natural community type since Lake Champlain shoreline property is highly desirable for development and these dry cedar-dominated bluffs are especially favored for their commanding views over the lake. However because of the unusual status of the Point as a Seasonal Home Management District owned by the Town of Charlotte, this community type has been protected there and is largely intact. However regeneration of native seedlings is being suppressed by exotic invasive plants.

To restore Thompson's Point to its former glory, technical assistance is available from the State of Vermont. According to Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department official Rick Adams the most important step is to get rid of the invasive exotics including: non-native honeysuckle, Japanese barberry, the two species of buckthorn, multiflora rose and Japanese knotweed. Even if they cannot be completely killed at once, cutting them will halt seed production, which is crucial. In most areas on the Point it will not be necessary to re-plant trees after getting rid of the buckthorn, since native tree seedlings are in place. The native seedlings that are now being suppressed by buckthorn will quickly grow to fill in the gaps when released from competition.

For wildlife habitat the focus should be on planting native shrubs and bushes.

Recommended species for planting are those in the Native Fauna Species list. The following are specifically recommended for wildlife habitat:

- grey dogwood (*Cornus racemosa*);
- native highbush cranberry (*Viburnum trilobum*), which is hard to find because what is commonly sold is a non-native cranberry (*Viburnum opulus*); and
- red-osier dogwood (Cornus sericea).

A "nursery" of red-osier dogwood has been located near the caretaker's house. If cut while dormant, and planted, both the nursery stock and the cuttings will grow.

The Lake Champlain Basin Program was established in 1990 to coordinate the activities of the Lake Champlain Special Designation Act. To help prevent the further spread of zebra mussels and other invasive species they advise:

- Inspecting boats and trailers for mussels and weeds and removing mussels or vegetation and discarding them in the trash.
- Draining all water, including the bilge, live well, and engine cooling system.
- Drying the boat and trailer in the sun for at least 5 days. If the boat is used sooner, to rinse off the boat, trailer, anchor, anchor line, bumpers, engine, etc. with hot water or at a car wash.
- Leaving live bait behind either give it to someone using the same waterbody, or discard it in the trash.

Experts at the near by non-profit Shelburne Farms (Demarest, 1997) advise:

- Riding bikes instead of traveling by car and using cars minimally and carpooling
- Using environmentally sound products to clean your camp, avoiding the use of toxic materials.
- Mulching food scraps and garden waste.

Other suggestions include:

Using the non-indigenous species such as Queen Anne's-Lace and Purple
 Loosestrife for wildflower bouquets rather than the native species.

- Use the Abenaki plant species list specific to the Point to guide planting.
- Do not cut reeds on the beach; rather let them grow tall for the ducks to nest in.
- Explore the possibility of planting wild rice gathered from Little Otter Creek in the autumn on the beaches.
- Remove cement dock relics.

Summary

"Bold bedrock, cliffs and ledge, prime agricultural soils, the mosaic of rich and diverse vegetation habitats, high wildlife value, recognized aesthetic value, and historic character combine to make Thompson's Point a unique resource (Harris, 1990, p.15)." Preservation and protection of the area is important to the Town of Charlotte and the residents of Thompson's Point. Although there are still many threats, some recovery is already occurring. Further restoration can be guided by technical assistance available from the State of Vermont, and Abenaki species lists.

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APPENDIX 1. All Flora and Fauna from the Western Abenaki Dictionary (Day,1994)

English	Abenaki	Scientific
Alder	Odopi	Alnus
Alder, Black (winterberry)	Cegwalimenakwam	Ilex verticillata
Alligator, Crocodile	Kakadolokw	Alligator, Crocodylus
Animal, wild	Awaas	
Ant	Alikws	Formicidae
Apples	Aples	Malus domestica
Arrowhead plant	Bakwaaloskw	Sagittaria spp.
Arrowplant	Bakwaaskw	Sagittaria latifolia
Ash, American mountain	Mosmezi	Sorbus americana
Ash, Black (highland)	Wajoimahalakws	Fraxinus nigra
Ash, Black Swamp	Megoakwimaahlakws	Fraxinus nigra
Ash, Green	Mkazawimaahlakws	Fraxinus pennsylvanica
Ash, Green (Red)	Peskwasawonimaahlakws	Fraxinus pennsylvanica
Ash, Northern Prickly	Gagowakw	Zanthoxylum americanum
Ash,White	Ogemakw	Fraxinus americana
Aspen, Big-toothed	Osagakw	Populus grandidentata
Aspen, Quaking	Osagakw	Populus tremuloides
Balsam Fir	Kokokhoakw	Abies balsamea
Bass, Largemouth (Black)	Molazigan	Micropterus salmoides
Bass, Rock	Megejas	Ambloplites rupestris
Basswood	Wigebimezi	Tilia americana
Bat	Madagenihlas	Myotis
Bear	Awasos	Ursus
Bear, Black	Wadamobamegwezid	Ursus americanus
Bear, Polar	Ponkiawasos	Ursus maritimus
Beaver	Demakwa	Castor canadensis
Bedbug	Maskejamogwezes	Cimex lectularius
Bee	Wawilomwa	Hymenoptera
Bee, Bumble (ground)	Begwiwawilomwa	Bombus terrestris
Bee, Honey	Zogaliwawilomwa	Hymenoptera spp
Beech, American	Wajoimizi	Fagus grandifolia
Bees, Sand, Wasp, Ground	Begwiwawilomwa	Hymenoptera spp.
Beets, Red	Mamkwakwzid	Beta vulgaris
Birch, Paper	Maskwamozi	Betula papyrifera
Birch, Sweet	Wins	Betula lenta
Birch, Yellow	Wins	Betula alleghaniensis
Bison	Beziko	Bison bison

English	Abenaki	Scientific
Bittern	Bokhamenes	Botaurus stellaris
Black bird	Cogeleskw	any species
Blackberry	Pezagwdamenakwam	Rubus allegheniensis
Blackbird, Redwing	Iglizmoniz	Agelaius phoeniceus
Blood root	Bagakanihlog	Sanquinaria canadensis
Bloodsuckers, leeches	Babaskw	Hirudidae
Bloodsuckers, leeches	Babaskw	Hirudidae
Blue vervain	Wlowatawa	Verbena hastate
Blueberry	Zata	Vaccinium spp.
Blueberry, Highbush	Zatamozi	Vaccinium corymbosum
Bluejay	Tideso	Cyanocitta cristata
Bluets	Wobaksageniz	Claytonia virginiana and Houstonia caerulea
Bobolink	Bamskodaicogeleskw	Dolichonyx oryzivorus
Boneset	Molodagwinebizon	Eupatorium perfoliatum
Breeches, Dutchman's	Beljesizal	Dicentra cucullaria
Bug	Awahodos	
Bug, Potato	Badadesiawahodo	
Bullhead, Brown	Wozesso	Ameiuras nebolosas
Bunchberry	Topoihla	Cornus canadensis
Burdock	Sagadabo	Arctium sp.
Buttercup	Wizowibemi pskwasawon	Ranunculus spp
Butterfly or moth	Mamijola	
Butternut	Bagonozi	Juglans cinera
Cabbage, Skunk	Segogwibagw	Symphyotrichum foetida
Caribou	Magolibo	Rangifer tarandus
Carp	Wobhagas	Cyprinus carpio
Catbird	Jibayhla	Dumetella carolinensis
Caterpillar (furry)	Oswagwa	
Caterpillar, Wooly Bear	Zazobhowad, Nibeniskog	Isia isabella
Catfish (Horned Pout)	Wozesso	Ameiurus nebulosus
Cattail	Bakwaaskw	Typha latifolia
Cedar, Red	Mekwisagezo	Juniperus virginiana
Cedar, White	Koksk (Zedi)	Thuja occidentalis
Centipede	Msaligodod	Chilopoda
Cherry, Black	Gici adebimen	Prunus serotina
Cherry, Choke	Adebimenakwamek	Prunus virginiana
Cherry, Fire (Pin)	Maskwazimenakwam	Prunus pensylvanica
Cherry, Ground	Kiiadebimen	Physalis heterophylla
Chestnut, American	Wobimizi	Castanea dentata

English	Abenaki	Scientific
Chickadee	Kejegigihlasiz	Poecile atricapillus
Chicory	Minoboatag	Cichorium intybus
Chipmunk, Eastern	Anikwses	Tamias striatus
Chokeberry	Azawanimen	Aronia melanocarpa
Chub, Bigmouth	Msedon	-
Chub, dace (common fish)	Alnamagw	
Cicada	Sigiliamo	Hemiptera
Clam, Shellfish, Oyster, Mussel	Als	Mollusca
Codfish (Burbot)	Nokamagw	Lota lota
Columbine	Zokkwahiganipskwasawon	Aquilegia canadensis
Corn	Skamon	Zea mays var.
Cottonwood, Eastern	Wawabibagw	Populus deltoides
Crab, Lobster, *Crayfish	Soga	-
Cranberry	Nibimenakwam	Viburnum opulus
Cranberry, Highbush	Nibimenakwam	Viburnum tribolum
Cricket, Grasshopper	Cols	Orthoptera
Crow	Mkazas	Corvus brachyrhynchos
Cucumber, Indian root	Askitamegiz	Medeola virginiana
Cucumber, Wild	Askitamiwajapkw	Echinocystis lobata ?
Current, Red	Pessimenakwam	Ribes sativum
Dace, red marked	Makwhowikhozik	
Deer, White-tailed	Nolka	Odocoileus virginianus
Deerberry Bush	Nolkaimenakwam	Vaccinium stamineum
Deerfly	Nolkaimasezakwa	Tabanidae
Deerfly, Horsefly	Masezakwa	Tabanidae
Dog	Alemos	Canis lupus familiaris
Dogwood	Makwakwsek	Cornus sericea L. ssp. sericea
Dragonfly	Odamogan	Odonata
Duck, Black	Gwigwigem	Anas rubripes
Duck, Bufflehead	Meljas	Bucephala albeola
Duck, dusky (?)	Wasikwa	
Duck, Ruddy	Babaska gwigwigem	Oxyura jamaicensis
Duck, sea	Zobagwihla	
Duck, tree, crow	Wokwha	
Duck, whistler (Goldeneye?)	Maniwadias	
Duck, Wood	Alotegwihla	Aix sponsa
Dutchman's-Breeches	Beljesizal	Dicentra cucullaria
Eagle, Bald (and generic)	Megezo	Haliaeetus leucocephalus
Eel	Nahomo	Anguilla rostrata
Elderberry, Common	Saskib	Sambucus canadensis

English	Abenaki	Scientific
Elk	Woboz	Cervus canadensis
Elm, American	Anibi	Ulmus americana
Elm, Slippery	Pezagholigan	Ulmus rubra
Ericaceous plants (bog)	Azikimezi	
Fern	Masozi	
Fern, Rock	Senikaladabagw	Polypodium virginianum
Fire leaf, comes up after	Skwedaibagol	Erechtites hieraciifolia
Firefly	Pipesawas	Lampyridae
Fireweed	Pabazinebizon	Chamerion angustifolium
Fisher	Olanigw	Martes pennanti
Flag, Sweet (muskrat plant)	Moskwaswaskw	Acorus calamus
Flea	Babigw	Siphonaptera
Flounder	Madamagw	Pseudopleuronectes americanus
Flower, Watersnake	Nebiiskog	Scutellaria galericulata
Fly, Black	Makazawegid	Simuliidae
Fly, Deer	Nolkaimasezakwa	Chrysops spp.
Fly, Deer and Horse	Masezakwa	Tabadinae
Fly, dust	Towibegwioo	
Fly, House	Ojawas	Musca domestica
Fly, sand; no-see-ums	Begwiojawas	
Fly, White	Wobigesid	Aleyrodidae
Fox, Arctic	Wobiokwses	Alopex lagopus
Fox, Grey	Wibegwigid	Urocyon cinereoargenteus
Fox, Red	Ponki owkses	Vulpes vulpes
Frog	Cegwal	Anura
Frog, Bull	Agebalam	Rana catasbeiana
Frog, Grey Tree	Alodawasid	Hyla versicolor
Frog, pond whistler	Nebizkwikwsiz	
(Spring peeper?)		Pseudacris crucifer(?)
Fungus, Bracket	Agwodawas	Basidiomycetes
Fungus, white pine	Goaiagwodawas	
Gar	Ojoljegahon	Lepisosteus
Ginger, Wild (Snake root)	Alnobai dipwabel	Asarum canadense
Ginseng	Gassowadik	Panax quinquefolius
Gnat, no see um	Begwiz	-
Goldfinch	Cigsiz	Carduelis tristis
Goldthread roots	Wizowajapkak	Coptis groenlandica
Goose, wild	Wobtegwa	
Grackle, Bronze	Wawibegwigid	Quiscalus quiscuIa aeneus
Grape, Wild	Alnobai mologwimen	Vitis sp.

English	Abenaki	Scientific
Grass, climbing	Lodawaskiko	Clematis virginiana
Grass, Sweet	Mskikoi	Hierochlöe odorata
Grasshopper, cricket	Cols	Orthoptera
Grosbeak	Dagwogwihlas	Fringillidae
Grouse, Ruffed	Bakeso	Bonasa umbellus
Grouse, Spruce	Meskagodagihla	Falcipennis canadensis
Gull	Gaakw	Laridae
Hare, Snowshoe	Madegwas	Lepus americanus
Hawthorn	Jigenazakwam	Crataegus spp.
Hemlock, Eastern	Alnizedi	Tsuga canadensis
Hemlock, ground	Sagaskodakw	Lycopodium obscurum
Hemlock, water	Cannaps majinebizonoo	Cicuta maculata
Hemp, Indian	mazon	Apocynum cannabinum
Hen's foot	Ahamoizid	Caucalis daucoides
Heron	Gasko	Ciconiiformes
Herring	Zobagwipesiz	Alosa aestivalis
Hickory	Bagimenakwam	Carya sp.
Honeysuckle	Bigwoganizal	Lonicera canadensis, villosa
Hop-hornbeam	Molaloskws	Ostrya virginiana
Horsetails	Gezibskol	Equisetum spp.
Hummingbird	Nanatasiz	Trochilidae
Indian pipe	Odamoganiz	Monotropa uniflora
Insect, blood sucking	Wikwadigas	
Insect, nonflying	Awahodosiz	
Iris, numb maker	Kskimokas	Iris prismatica
Ironwood	Molaloskws	Carpinus caroliniana
Ivy, Poison	Majimskiko	Toxicodendron radicans
Jack-in-the-pulpit	Dkinoganiz	Arisaema triphyllum
Jay, Canada	Keskejagwa	Perisoreus canadensis
Junco, Slate colored	Nagwodagihla	Junco hyemalis
King bird	Medawlinnosiz	Cicinnurus regius
Kingfisher, Belted	Ceskwadadas	Ceryle alcyon
Ladybug	Alemosiz	Coccinellidae
Lamprey, Sea	Nibomo	Petromyzon marinus
Lily, Lotus Pond	Bamagwaag	Nelumbo sp.
Lily, Red Water	Mskata	Nymphaea odorata rubra
Loon	Medawihla	Gavia
Louse	Kemo	Phthiraptera
Lynx, Bobcat	Wigwedi	Lynx rufus
Mackerel	Makelo	Scombridae

English	Abenaki	Scientific
Maggot	Okwa	
Maple, Ashleaf (Box elder)	Bilkimizi	Acer negundo
Maple, Eastern Mountain	Wobakwsek	Acer spicata
Maple, Red	Mskwebages	Acer rubrum
Maple, Striped	Osagakw	Acer pensylvanicum
Maple, Sugar	Senomozi	Acer saccharinum
Marten	Apanakes	Martes americana
Medicine, pain in the side	Batkilawinbizon	Cornus canadensis
Merganser	Mezikawa	Mergus sp.
Merganser, Red-breasted (Shelldrake)	Cigolewihlas	Mergus serrator
Milkweed	Azibiz	Asclepias syriaca
Mink, American	Mosbas	Mustela vison
Minnow, striped	Molamagwsiz	
Mole	Alemonska	Soricomorpha
Moose	Moz	Alces alces
Mosquito	Begwes	Culicidae
Moss, incl. Reindeer lichens	Asakwam	
Mouse	Wobikwsos	Peromyscus spp.
Mullein	Madahodowi odamo	Verbascum thapsus?
Muskellunge	Maskwenoza	Esox masquinongy
Muskrat	Moskwas	Ondatra zibethicus
Mustard, Wild	Wizowatagil	Brassica spp.
Nighthawk	Beskw	Chordeiles minor
Nuthatch	Cigolodawasid	Sittinae
Oak, Black	Anaskemezi	Quercus velutina
Oak, Red	Anaskemezi	Quercus rubra
Onion, Wild	Alnobai winoz	Allium canadense
Osprey	Maanamagwas	Pandion haliaetus
Owl, Barred (also,large owl)	Gokokhas	Strix varia
Owl, Saw whet	Waloias	Aegolius acadica acadica
Owl, Screech	Didegeli	Otus asio naevius
Partridgeberry	Babedegwibagasig	Mitchella repens
Peach tree	Bicesakwam	Prunus persica
Pepper root	Kojoizak	Dentaria diphylla
Perch, Yellow	Molamagws	Perca flavescens
Pickerel, Chain	Kwenozasiz	Esox niger
Pigeon, Passenger	Belaz	Ectopistes migratorius
Pike, Northern	Kwenoza	Esox lucius
Pike, Walleye	Mamsalagikws	Sander vitreus

English	Abenaki	Scientific
Pine, Jack	Bilowi basaakw	Pinus banksiana
Pine, Red	Basaakw	Pinus resinosa
Pine, White	Goa	Pinus strobus
Pitcher Plant	Ahamoakezen	Sarracenia purpurea
Plantain, Common	Owdiibagw	Plantago major
Plant, pain in the side	Batkilabagw	Cornus canadensis
Plum, Canada	Azawanimenakwam	Prunus nigra
Polliwog, tadpole	Agwolagweji	0
Poplar, Black	Mkazawiossagakw	Populus balsamifera
Porcupine	Kogw	Erithizon dorsatum
Potato, Indian	Apenak	Apios tuberosa
Pout, mudfish (Bowfin?)	Azeskwamagw	•
Puffballs	Bigidoan	Calvatia gigantea
Puma	Bittolo	Puma concolor
Pumpinkinseed	Abonamagwas	Lepomis gibbosus
Pumpkin, squash	Wasawa	Cucurbita spp.
Rabbit, Eastern Cottontail	Bebonkiimadeqwas	Sylvilagus floridanus
Raccoon, Northern	Azeban	Procyon lotor
Raisin, Wild Bush	Adatomenakwam	Viburnum cassinoides
Raspberry	Zegweskimen abaziz	Rubus strigosus
Raven, Northern	Ponki mkazas	Corvus corax
Redhorse, Shorthead / Sucker Carp	Kikomkwa	Moxostoma macrolepidotum
Redstart	Skwedasiz	Hodgsonius phaenicuroides
Reed	Azosnaskw	Typha
Robin	Gwikweskas	Turdus migratorius
Rose, Pasture	Dabsigid cigenaz	Rosa carolina
Salamander, Redback	Kakadolokwsiz	Plethodon cinereus
Salmon, Atlantic	Mskwamagw	Salmo salar
Sandpiper, snipe	Sasaso	
Sassafras	Zazogebamakw	Sassafras albidum
Sawgrass	Alezowaik	Cladium mariscoides
Seal	Zobagwialemos	Pinnipedia
Senna (leaves)	Segagwesmiwanibagol	Cassia spp.
Service berry	Omwaimenakwam	Amelanchier canadensis
Shad	Wobamagwsiz	
Shiner, Common	Namasiz	Luxilus cornutus
Shiner, Golden	Pesiz	Notemigonus crysoleucas
Skunk, Striped	Segogw	Mephitis mephitis
Smelt, Rainbow	Bebonamagw	Osmerus mordax
Snail	Wakwodes	Gastropoda

English	Abenaki	Scientific
Snake, Eastern Garter	Makwaaskadamod	Thamophis sirtalis sirtalis
Snake, Rattle	Sizikwa	Crotalus adamanteus
Snake, Water	Nebiiskog	Nerodia sipedon sipedon
Snake, Water moccasin	Mekezenodeb	Agkistrodon piscivorous piscivorous
Sorrel, Wood	Sosowipogwag	Oxalis acetosella
Sorrel, Violet Wood		Oxalis violacea
Sparrow, Song	Gaskaljasiz	Melospiza melodia
Spider	Mamsahlabika	Araneae
Spikenard	Wawigakw	Aralia racemosa
Spruce, Black	Mskak	Picea mariana
Spruce, Red	Mskak	Picea rubens
Spruce, White	Mesazeso	Picea glauca
Squirrel, Eastern Grey	Mikoa wibeqwigid	Sciurus carolinensis
Squirrel, Flying	Belanigw	Glaucomys spp.
Squirrel, Red	Mikoa makwigid	Tamiasciurus hudsonicus
Stickleback	Kogwimagw	Pungitius pungitius
Strawberry	Mskikoimins	Fragaria virginiana
Sturgeon, Lake	Gabasa	Acipenser fulvescens
Sumac	Zalonakwam	Rhus esp. typhina
Sunflowers	Gizoskogan	Helianthus giganteus
Sunflowers, wild	Wizowatawa	Solidago or Helianths spp.
Swallow, Bank	Benegokihlasiz	Riparia riparia
Swan	Wigwahla	Cygnus columbianus
Sycamore	Pabalakw	Platanus occidentalis
Tamarack	Bobenodagwezo	Larix laricina
Tanager, Scarlet	Mekwimins	Piranga olivacea
Tea, Labrador	Azobakw	Ledum groenlandia
Teal, Blue-winged	Meljasiz	Anas discors
Teal, Green-winged	Papawogahlod	Anas carolinensis
Thistle	Gowiz	Carduus spp.
Thrush, Hermit	Wlogwihlas	Catharus guttatus
Toad, American	Mamaska	Bufo americanus
Trout, Brook (Speckled)	Skotam	Salvelinus fontinalis
Trout, Lake	Namagw	Salvelinus namaycush
Trout, River	Ziboiskotam	
Turkey	Nahama	Meleagris gallopavo
Turtle	Doleba	
Turtle, Sea	Zobagwidoleba	
Turtle, Snapping	Aligedaid	Chelydra serpentina
Violet, Dogtooth	Minobowigek	Erythronium americanum

English	Abenaki	Scientific
Walnut, Black	Bagimizi	Juglans nigra
Warbler, Yellow	Wizowihlasiz	Dendroica petechia
Wasp	Wawizowigeji owdik	Vespidae
Wasps, Ground	Begwiwawilomwa	Sphecidae
Water boatman	Mikinakw	Corixidae
Water Striders	Demakwasiz	Gerridae
Waterlily, Yellow	Wizowatawa	Nuphar? (CAD)
Waxwing, Cedar	Magwasizak	Bombyeilla cedrorum
Weasel	Sagwasiz	Mustelo erminea
Whale	Podaba	
Wheat	Malomen	Triticum spp.
Whip-poor-will	Papoles	Caprimulgus vociferus
Whitefish	Wobamagw	Coregonus clupeaformis
Willow	Ganozas	Salix spp.
Wintergreen	Gogowibagw	Gaultheria procumbens
Wolf	Molsem	Canus lupis
Wolverine	Alaskana	Gulo gulo
Woodchuck	Agaskw	Marmota marmax
Woodcock	Nagwibagw sibs	Scolopax minor
Woodpecker	Lobatahigas	Picinae
Woodpecker, Pileated	Mama	Dryocopus pileatus
Worm	Skogsiz	
Wren	Spigwoloasiz	Troglodytidae
Yarrow	Nahamaibag	Achillea millefolium

APPENDIX 2. Flora of Thompson's Point

Native Flora of Thompson's Point		
English	Abenaki	Scientific
Anemone, Wood		Anemone quinquefolia
Arrow plant	Bakwaaskw	Sagittaria latifolia
Ash, White	Ogemakw	Fraxinus americana
Aspen, Large-toothed	Osagakw	Populus grandidentata
Aspen, Trembling	Osagakw	Populus tremuloides
Asters		Symphyotrichum spp.
Basswood	Wigebimezi	Tilia americana
Beech		Fagus grandifolia
Beech, Blue		Carpinus caroliniana
Birch, Paper	Maskwamozi	Betula papyrifera
Birch,_Grey		Betula populifolia
Blackberry	Pezagwdamenakwam	Rubus allegheniensis
Black-eyed Susan		Rudbeckia hirta
Blood root	Bagakanihlog	Sanguinaria canadensis
Bunchberry	Topoihla	Cornus canadensis
Buttercup	Wizowibemi pskwasawon	Ranunculus spp.
Butternut	Bagonozi	Juglans cinera
Cabbage, Skunk	Segogwibagw	Symplocarpus foetida
Cattail	Bakwaaskw	Typha latifolia
Cedar, Dwarf		Juniperus communis
Cedar, White	Koksk	Thuja occidentalis
Cedar, Red	Mekwisagezo	Juniperus virginiana
Cherry, Black	Gici adebimen	Prunus serotina
Columbine	Zokkwahiganipskwasawon	Aquilegia canadensis
Corn	Skamon	Zea mays var.
Dogwood	Makwakwsek	Cornus stolonifera
Dogwood, Red-osier		Cornus sericea
Dutchman's Breeches	Beljesizal	Dicentra cucullaria
Fern	Masozi	
Fern, Christmas		Polystichum acrostichoides
Fern, Ostrich		Matteuccia struthiopteris
Fern, Rock	Senikaladabagw	Polypodium virginianum
Flag, Sweet (muskrat plant)	Moskwaswaskw	Acorus calamus
Fleabane, Daisy		Erigeron annuus
Goldenrod, Rough-leaved		Solidago patula

Native Flora of Thompson's Point		
English	Abenaki	Scientific
Ginger, Wild (Snakehead plant)	Skogadebakw	Asarum canadense
Grape, Wild	Alnobai mologwimen	Vitis spp.
Grass, climbing	Lodawaskiko	Clematis virginiana
Grass, Sweet	Mskikoi	Hierochloe odorata
Hemlock, Eastern	Alnizedi	Tsuga canadensis
Hepatica, Sharp-lobed		Hepatica acutiloba
Herb-Robert		Geranium robertum
Hickory, Shagbark	Bagimenakwam	Carya ovata
Honeysuckle	Bigwoganizal	Lonicera canadensis, L. villosa
Hop-hornbeam	Molaloskws	Ostrya virginiana
Horsetails	Gezibskol	Equisetum spp.
Indian pipe	Odamoganiz	Monotropa uniflora
Ivy, Poison	Majimskiko	Toxicodendron radicans
Jack-in-the-pulpit	Dkinoganiz	Arisaema triphyllum
Jewelweed		Impatiens capensis
Ladies'-Slipper, Yellow		Cypripedium calceolus
Lily, Trout		Erythronium americanum
Maple, Ashleaf (Box elder)	Bilkimizi	Acer negundo
Maple, Red	Mskwebages	Acer rubrum
Maple, Sugar	Senomozi	Acer saccharum
Mayflower, Canada		Maianthemum canadense
Milkweed	Azibiz	Asclepias syriaca
Mint, Wild		Mentha arvensis
Moss, incl. Reindeer, lichens	Asakwam	
Mustard, Wild	Wizowatagil	Brassica spp.
Nightshade, Bittersweet		Solanum dulcumara
Oak, Bur		Quercus macrocarpa
Oak, Red	Anaskemzi	Quercus rubra
Oak, White	Anaskemzi	Quercus alba
Onion, Wild	Alnobai winoz	Allium canadense
Pine, Red	Basaakw	Pinus resinosa
Pine, White	Goa	Pinus strobus
Polygola, Fringed		Polygala paucifolia
Raspberry	Zegweskimen abaziz	Rubus strigosus
Raspberry, Purple-		Rubus odoratus

Native Flora of Thompson's Point		
English	Abenaki	Scientific
flowering		
Rose, Pasture	Dabsigid cigenaz	Rosa carolina
Sarsaparilla, Wild		Aralia nudicaulis
Sassafras	Zazogebamakw	Sassafras albidum
Sawgrass	Alezowaik	Cladium mariscoides or
		Leersia oryzoides
Saxifrage		Saxifraga sp.
Sedge, Bur-reed		Carex sparganioides
Serviceberry	Omwaimenakwam	Amelanchier canadensis
Solomon's Seal		Polygonatum multiflorum
Solomon's Seal, False		Smilacina racemosa
Strawberry	Mskikoimins	Fragaria virginiana
Sumac	Zalonakwam	Rhus esp. typhina
Sunflowers	Gizoskogan	Helianthus giganteus
Sweetflag, Calamus	Moskwaswaskw	Acorus calamus
Sycamore	Pabalakw	Platanus occidentalis
Thistle	Gowiz	Carduus spp.
Trillium, Large-flowered		Trillium grandiflorum
Vervain, Blue		Verbena hastata
Vetch, Purple		Vicia americana
Violet, Dogtooth	Minobowigek	Erythronium americanum
Yew		Taxus canadensis

Alien Flora of Thompson's Point		
English	Abenaki	Scientific
Alfalfa		Medigo sativa
Apples	Aples	Malus domestica
Barberry, Japanese		Berberis thunbergii
Bell flower		Campanula glomerata
Bellflower, creeping		Campanula rapunculoides
Bladder Campion		Silene cucubalus
Buckthorn		Rhamnus cathartica
Burdock		Arctium sp.
Butter-and-eggs		Linaria vulgaris
		Eupatorium
Buttercup, Common		Ranunculus acris
Cranesbill, Dove's-foot		Geranium molle
Chicory	Minoboatag	Cichorium intybus
Cinqfoil, Rough-fruited		Potentilla recta
Clover, Hop		Trifolium agrarium
Clover, Red		Trifolium pratense
Daisy, Ox-eye		Chrysanthemum
		leucanthemum
Dandelion		Taraxacum sp.
Goatsbeard, Yellow		Tragopogon pratensis
Hawkweed, King Devil		Hieracium pretense
Hawkweed, Orange		Hieracium aurantiacum
Heal-all Self heal		Prunella vulgaris
Helleborne		Epipactis helleborine
Honeysuckle, Flowering		Lonicera spp.
Knotweed, Japanese		Fallopia japonica
Ivy, Gill-over-the-ground		Glechoma hederacea
Lilac		Syringa vulgaris
Lily, Day		Hemerocallis fulva
Loosestrife, Purple		Lythrum virgatum
Mullein, Common		Verbascum thapsus
Mustard, Garlic		Alliaria petiolata
Nightshade, Bittersweet		Solanum dulcumara
Periwinkle, Myrtle		Vinca minor
Queen Anne's Lace		Daucus carota
Rose, Multiflora		Rosa multiflora
St. John's-wort, Common		Hypericum perforatum

Alien Flora of Thompson's Point		
English	Abenaki	Scientific
Tansy, Common		Tannacetum vulgare
Thistle, Field		Cirsium discolor
Watermilfoil, Eurasian		Myriophyllum spicatum
Wheat	Malomen	Triticum spp.
Yarrow	Nahamaibag	Achillea millefolium

Fungi of Thompson's Point		
English Abenaki Scientific		
Fungus, Bracket	Agwodawas	Basidiomycetes
Fungus, White pine	Goaiagwodawas	
Puffballs	Bigidoan	Calvatia gigantea

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APPENDIX 3. Fauna of Thompson's Point.

Mammals		
English	Abenaki	Scientific
Bat, Little Brown Myotis	Madagenihlas	Myotis lucifugus
Bat, Northern Myotis	Madagenihlas	Myotis septentrionalis
Chipmunk, Eastern	Anikwses	Tamias striatus
Coyote		Canis latrans
Deer, White-tailed	Nolka	Odocoileus virginianus
Fox, Red	Ponki owkses	Vulpes vulpes
Hare, Snowshoe (Harris, 1990)	Madegwas	Lepus americanus
Mouse	Wobikwsos	Peromyscus spp.
Opossum		Didelphis virginiana
Rabbit, Eastern Cottontail	Bebonkiimadeqwas	Sylvilagus floridanus
Raccoon, Northern	Azeban	Procyon lotor
Shrew, Northern Short-tailed		Blarina brevicauda
Skunk, Striped	Segogw	Mephitis mephitis
Squirrel, Flying	Belanigw	Glaucomys spp.
Squirrel, Eastern Grey	Mikoa wibeqwigid	Sciurus carolinensis
Squirrel, Red	Mikoa makwigid	Tamiasciurus hudsonicus
Vole, Meadow		Microtus pennsylvanica
Weasel	Sagwasiz	Mustela spp.
Woodchuck	Agaskw	Marmota marmax

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Birds from Thompson's Point with known Abenaki Names		
English	Abenaki	Scientific
Blackbird, Redwing	Iglizmoniz	Agelaius phoeniceus
Bluejay	Tideso	Cyanocitta cristata
Bobolink	Bamskodaicogeleskw	Dolichonyx oryzivorus
Catbird	Jibayhla	Dumetella carolinensis
Chickadee	Kejegigihlasiz	Poecile atricapillus
Crow	Mkazas	Corvus brachyrhynchos
Duck, Black	Gwigwigem	Anas rubripes
Duck, Bufflehead	Meljas	Bucephala albeola
Duck, Ruddy	Babaska gwigwigem	Oxyura jamaicensis
Eagle, Bald (and generic)	Megezo	Haliaeetus leucocephalus
Goldfinch	Cigsiz	Carduelis tristis
Grouse, Ruffed	Bakeso	Bonasa umbellus
Hummingbird, Ruby-	Nanatasiz	Archilochus colubris
throated		
Junco, Slate colored	Nagwodagihla	Junco hyemalis
King bird	Medawlinnosiz	Cicinnurus regius
Kingfisher	Ceskwadadas	Ceryle alcyon
Loon	Medawihla	Gavia
Merganser	Mezikawa	
Merganser, Red-breasted (Shelldrake)	Cigolewihlas	Mergus serrator
Nuthatch	Cigolodawasid	Sittinae
Osprey	Maanamagwas	Pandion haliaetus
Owl, Screech	Didegeli	Otus asio naevius
Raven, Northern	Ponki mkazas	Corvus corax
Redstart	Skwedasiz	Hodgsonius phaenicuroides
Robin	Gwikweskas	Turdus migratorius
Sparrow, Song	Gaskaljasiz	Melospiza melodia
Swallow, Bank	Benegokihlasiz	Riparia riparia
Tanager, Scarlet	Mekwimins	Piranga olivacea
Teal, Blue-winged	Meljasiz	Anas discors
Teal, Green-winged	Papawogahlod	Anas carolinensis
Thrush, Hermit	Wlogwihlas	Catharus guttatus
Turkey	Nahama	Meleagris gallopavo
Warbler, yellow	Wizowihlasiz	Dendroica petechia
Waxwing, Cedar	Magwasizak	Bombyeilla cedrorum
Woodpecker, Pileated	Mama	Dryocopus pileatus

Note. For a complete bird list see Hank Kaestner's Bird List. These are the birds from Kaestner's list that also have known Abenaki names.

Reptiles		
English	Abenaki	Scientific
Snake, Eastern Garter	Makwaaskadamod	Thamophis sirtalis sirtalis

	Amphibian	s
English	Abenaki	Scientific
Frog, Bull	Agebalam	Rana catasbeiana
Frog, Green	Cegwal	Rana clamitans melanota
Frog, Northern Leopard	Cegwal	Rana pipiens
Salamander, Redback	Kakadolokwsiz	Plethodon cinereus
Toad, American	Mamaska	Bufo americanus

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FishNative, and present now or historically, at Thompson's Point

English	Abenaki	Scientific
Bass, Rock	Megejas	Ambloplites rupestris
Bass, Small mouth		Micropterus dolomieu
Bowfin		Amia calva
Bullhead, Brown	Wozesso	Ameiuras nebolosas
Bullhead, Yellow		Ameiurus natalis
Burbot / Freshwater Cod	Nokamagw	Lota lota
Catfish, Channel		Ictalurus punctatus
Cisco / Herring, Lake	Zobagwipesiz	Coregonus artedi
Dace, Blacknose		Rhinichthys atratulus
Darter, Eastern Sand		Ammocrypta pellucida
Darter, Tessellated		Etheostoma olmstedi
Eel	Nahomo	Anguilla rostrata
Fallfish		Semotilus corporalis
Gar, Longnose	Ojoljegahon	Lepisosteus
Lamprey, Sea	Nibomo	Petromyzon marinus
Logperch		Percina caprodes
Minnow, Bluntnose	Molamagwsiz	Pimephales notatus
Minnow, Eastern Silvery		Hybognathus regius
Minnow, Fathead		Pimephales promelas
Mooneye		Hiodon tergisus
Mudminnow, Central		Umbra limi
Muskellunge	Maskwenoza	Esox masquinongy
Perch, Yellow	Molamagws	Perca flavescens
Pickerel, Chain	Kwenozasiz	Esox niger
Pike, Northern	Kwenoza	Esox lucius
Pike, Walleye	Mamsalagikws	Sander vitreus
Pumpinkinseed	Abonamagwas	Lepomis gibbosus
Quillback		Carpiodes cyprinus
Redhorse, Shorthead / Sucker Carp	Kikomkwa	Moxostoma macrolepidotum
Salmon, Atlantic	Mskwamagw	Salmo salar

English	Abenaki	Scientific
Shiner, Common	Namasiz	Luxilus cornutus
Shiner, Emerald		Notropis atheroides
Shiner, Golden	Pesiz	Notemigonus crysoleucas
Shiner, Mimic		Notropis volucellus
Shiner, Rosyface		Notropis rubellus
Shiner, Spotfin		Cyprinella spiloptera
Shiner, Spottail		Notropis hudsonius
Smelt, Rainbow	Bebonamagw	Osmerus mordax
Sturgeon, Lake	Gabasa	Acipenser fulvescens
Sucker, White		Catostomus commersoni
Sunfish	Abonamagwas	Lepomis auritus
Trout, Lake	Namagw	Salvelinus namaycush
Trout, Brook (Speckled)	Skotam	Salvelinus fontinalis
Troutperch		Percopsis omiscomaycus
Whitefish	Wobamagw	Coregonus clupeaformis

Alien Fish		
English	Abenaki	Scientific
Bass, Large mouth		Micropterus salmoides
Carp	Wobhagas	Cyrpinus carpio
Crappie, Black		Pomoxis nigromaculatus
Perch, White	·	Morone americana

Note. The Fish species list was compiled from Langdon, Ferguson, & Cox (2006).

Insects		
English	Abenaki	Scientific
Ant	Alikws	Formicidae
Bee	Wawilomwa	Hymenoptera
Bee, Bumble (ground)	Begwiwawilomwa	Bombus terrestris
Bee, Honey	Zogaliwawilomwa	Hymenoptera spp
Butterfly or Moth	Mamijola	
Butterfly, Monarch		Danaus plexippus
Butterfly, Admiral		Vanessa atalanta
Butterfly, Cabbage		Pieris rapae
Caddis Fly		Trichoptera
Caterpillar, Wooly Bear	Zazobhowad, Nibeniskog	Isia isabella
Cicada	Sigiliamo	Hemiptera
Cricket, Grasshopper	Cols	Orthoptera
Crane flies		Tipula spp.
Dragonfly, Darner	Odamogan	Odonata
Firefly	Pipesawas	Lampyridae
Flea	Babigw	Siphonaptera
Fly, Black	Makazawegid	Simuliidae
Fly, Deer and Horse	Masezakwa	Tabadinae
Fly, Deer	Nolkaimasezakwa	Chrysops spp.
Fly, House	Ojawas	Musca domestica
Fly, White	Wobigesid	Aleyrodidae
Gnat, No-see-um, midge	Begwiojawas	
Lady bug	Alemosiz	Coccinellidae
Mayflies		Ephemeroptera
Moth, Luna		Actias luna
Mosquito	Begwes	Culicidae
Wasp	Wawizowigeji owdik	Vespidae
Wasps, Ground	Begwiwawilomwa	Sphecidae
Water boatman	Mikinakw	Corixidae
Water striders	Demakwasiz	Gerridae

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Native Invertebrates		
English	Abenaki	Scientific
Bloodsuckers, leeches	Babaskw	Hirudidae
Centipede	Msaligodod	Chilopoda
Clam, mollusk	Als	Mollusca
Crayfish	Soga	Orconectes spp.
Snail	Wakwodes	Gastropoda
Spider	Mamsahlabika	Araneae
Worm	Skogsiz	·

Alien Invertebrates			
English	Abenaki	Scientific	
Mussel, Zebra		Dreissena polymorpha	

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