

Glossary

pristine (**pris** tən): Remaining in a pure or unspoiled state.

native (**na** tiv): Naturally occurring in an area.

conifer (**kän** uh für): A type of evergreen tree that produces cones and has needle-shaped or scalelike leaves, such as pines, firs, and spruces.

organism (**ôr** gä niz um): Any living thing.

species (**spe** sez): Groups of organisms that resemble one another in appearance, behavior, chemical processes, and genetic structure.

taxonomy (tak **on** o me): The science of describing, identifying, and classifying organisms based on their natural relationships.
Taxonomic: Having to do with taxonomy.

nonnative (nän **na** tiv): Not naturally occurring in an area.

invasive (in **vas** iv): Movement into an area by an object or organism that is likely to cause harm.

leaf litter (**lef** lit ür): The top layer of dead and decaying leaves, small sticks, and twigs that lay on the forest floor.

anglers (**ang** lürz): People who go fishing.

habitat (**hab** uh tat): Environment where a plant or animal naturally grows and lives.

forest managers (**för** est **mä** ni jür): Skilled individuals who takes care of natural resources.

Pronunciation Guide

a as in ape

ä as in car

e as in me

i as in ice

o as in go

ô as in for

u as in use

ü as in fur

oo as in tool

ng as in sing

Accented syllables are in **bold**.