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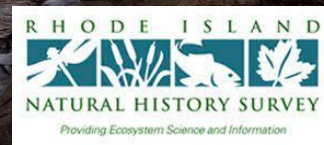
**Save the Date!**

**24<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL  
RHODE ISLAND BIOBLITZ &  
TRIBAL ENVIRONMENTAL  
AWARENESS EVENT**

**June 9 & 10, 2023**

**Narragansett Tribal Grounds**

**Co-Host: RI Natural History Survey**







**The Narragansett Indian Tribe's Environmental Program is partnering with the RI Natural History Survey to hold the 2023 RI BioBlitz on Tribal lands.**

### **WHAT'S A BIOBLITZ?**

Volunteers, working in teams, have 24 hours to tally as many species of animals and plants as they can on a particular parcel of land. The BioBlitz idea was started in 1997 and they are now held all over the U.S. and the world. The Rhode Island BioBlitz has been held annually since 2000.

### **WHY BIOBLITZ?**

- 1) to demonstrate that great biodiversity can be found anywhere, not just in distant rain forests;
- 2) by example to show how biologists learn about species and the environment;
- 3) to encourage communication among all those knowledgeable about our environment;
- 4) to survey the species on the property for planning and conservation purposes;
- 5) the Tribe will have a preliminary inventory of the species of plant and animals that live on Tribal Lands.
- 5) because it's really fun.

### **NIT Environmental Awareness Event**

- 1) To engage Tribal youth and families to increase their knowledge of the various Tribal ecosystems and the plant and animals that live there and to increase awareness of the natural world.
- 2) Increase the knowledge of the Tribe's Environmental Protection Program and its activities.

**Please mark your calendars. More information will be provided.**

