



On Parker Pond, Mount Vernon, Maine

A Natural History Week at Bearnstow

Program for Wednesday, June 19, 7:30 P.M.

Mount Vernon Community Center

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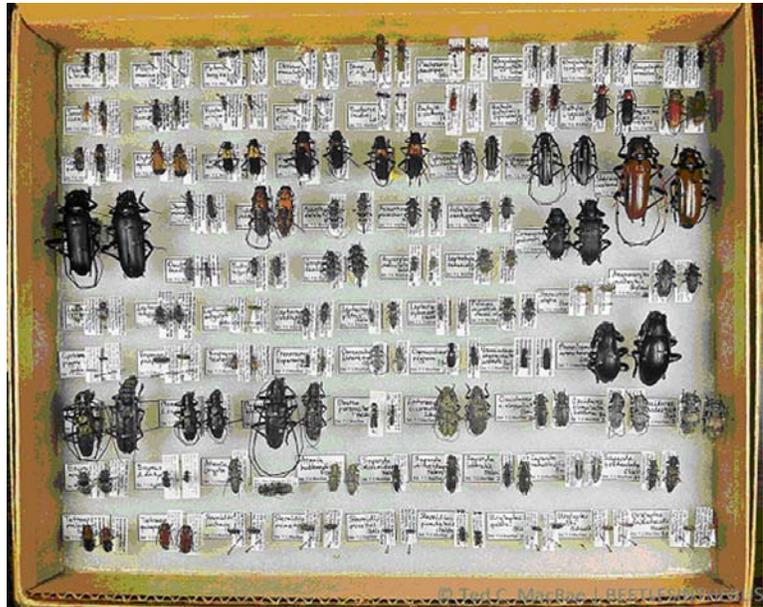
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“Digitizing Natural History”

Recent advances in digital technologies provide the means for copious natural history information to be captured and rendered in a digital format, making it accessible to interested parties all over the world. The concerted efforts to collect and collate that information have produced some intriguing scientific insights and solved several issues. Many of these efforts provide opportunities for non-scientists to become involved in scientific discovery.



Herbarium specimen of bluets (*Houstonia caerulea*)



Mounted specimens of beetles (Order Coleoptera)

Woods Walk with Eric Jones

Thursday, June 20, 10:30 A.M. at Bearnstow

Dr. Jones studies plant mating systems and loves to share his knowledge of plant mating with an audience. We'll explore the plant communities around Bearnstow and learn how they reproduce.



Eric Jones graduated from Florida State University in 2012 with a Ph.D. in biological sciences, studying plant mating system evolution in the genus *Houstonia* (Rubiaceae, the coffee family). Eric's interests are in biodiversity and botany in the broad sense. His background in botany ranges from molecular biology to phylogenetics and development. He is currently Assistant Professor of Botany at the University of Maine at Machias where he teaches courses in general botany, plant systematics, plant ecology, general ecology, algal biology, and phylogenetic methods. Eric is also the curator of the UMM Herbarium, which houses collections of vascular and non-vascular plants and marine macroalgae.

Admission is free, but contributions for the nature walks and presentations are greatly appreciated. Please reserve for any event by calling 207-293-2280 after June 15. Lunch is also available (\$10). Bearnstow is located at 84 Bearnstow Road in Mount Vernon, Maine.