



Acoustic Resources are Essential to Functioning Ecosystems and to the Visitor Experience



Natural sounds are vital to the natural functioning of park ecosystems. Studies suggest that the acoustical environment is important in a number of ways including:

- Intra-species communication
- Territory establishment, finding desirable habitat
- Courtship and mating
- Nurturing and protecting young
- Predation and predator avoidance
- Effective use of habitat

Soundscapes are important to visitors and can provide an environment that:

- Is free from human made noise
- Is rich with opportunities to experience solitude, quietude, and the sounds of nature.
- Tells a unique cultural or historic story