

Back by popular demand, here's this year's quiz. Answers to these questions can all be found in this past year's magazines, Outside Story essays, and web content.

1. What isn't true about stone walls? (a) they were most often created to pen animals (b) they may vary in appearance depending on how deeply stones were buried in glacial ice (c) they were often built in late fall and early winter (d) they increase habitat diversity
2. Where do kingfishers raise their young? (a) in low nests overhanging moving water (b) in rookeries, typically high up in snags (c) in holes that they excavate, typically on the face of steep banks above water (d) this is a trick question – in fact, they deposit their eggs in other birds' nests
3. Alvin Orlando Lombard (a) was a celebrated ornithologist, specializing in wading birds (b) built some of the earliest steam haulers for logging jobs (c) gained notoriety as a Maine blueberry tycoon (d) is credited with the phrase, "home in" (e) is the poetry editor of *Northern Woodlands*
4. What are hand-split shakes? (a) historically accurate wall and roof coverings (b) defensive tactics of Virginia Opossums (c) handshakes made in bad faith, typically involving land sales (d) metal fatigue in chainsaws (e) cedar flavored frozen beverages
5. Recent research suggests that brown rot fungi has potential (a) as a cosmetic (b) to convert biomass into energy efficiently (c) as a low-maintenance pet for busy foresters (d) as a lubricant for spacecraft (e) as a mascot for Norfolk, Connecticut's new curling team, The Fighting Fungi
6. Which of these plants is a mid- to late-succession species? (a) staghorn sumac (b) raspberry (c) eastern hemlock (d) pin cherry (e) bigtooth aspen
7. What does EAB stand for? (a) the logging camp phrase, "easy as bacon" (b) End All Barberry - a new lobbying group organized to stop interstate sales of invasive plants (c) Edward Allen Biltmore, who invented the Biltmore Stick (d) exceptional arboreal balance (e) emerald ash borer
8. Who helped protect Big Reed Forest Reserve? (a) the Pingree family (b) The Nature Conservancy (c) the state of Maine (d) all of the above
9. What's a likely reason black spruce trees may have difficulty colonizing old beaver meadows? (a) intolerance of bright light (b) plant growth suppressants in old beaver droppings (c) too many dragonflies (d) too few voles (e) none of the above
10. Woodworkers may use boxelder wood because (a) it's the hardest wood (b) it can be beautifully flamed, with bright red patterns (c) it has distinctive "birdseye" dappling (d) there's a superstitious belief that it will ward off spam emails (e) all of the above