

BAKAAN INGOJI GAA-ONDAADAG

Bakaan ingoji gaa-ondaadag means non-local being in Ojibwemowin, or “that which comes from somewhere else and now resides here.” Instead of calling a species “invasive”, a negative word, bakan ingoji gaa-ondaadag is a more neutral term for plant or animal species which have moved from place to place.

After all, when an ecosystem is healthy, a bakaan ingoji gaa-ondaadag may not have a large effect on the local plants and animals. It is climate change that adds stress onto an ecosystem and allows bakaan ingoji gaa-ondaadag to more seriously affect the local species.

In some situations, bakaan ingoji gaa-ondaadag will have to be respectfully removed from ecosystems to protect the local species. However, with careful planning, certain bakaan ingoji gaa-ondaadag may be introduced into an ecosystem either for cultural purposes, or to create a new mix of local species.



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