

SOUNDSIDE LEARNING

THIS WEEK ON CORE SOUND

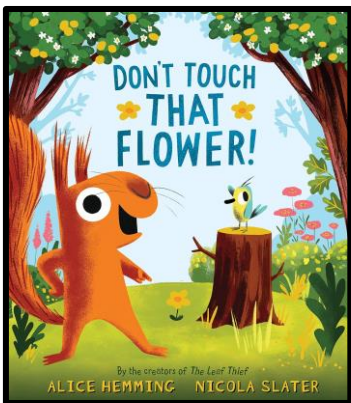


March 18, 2024

COMING UP AT CORE SOUND...

- **April 6:** Core Sound Run @ 9 AM
- **April 9:** Community Night ... *Hometown Teams* @ 6-7 PM
- [Click Here to SIGN UP for Summer Camps & for More Upcoming Events!](#)

Sound Reading Material For You and Your Child



Don't Touch That Flower!

By Alice Hemming

Spring is here and today a flower has sprung to life. But when Squirrel becomes too protective of it, Bird shows Squirrel the right way to let flowers blossom and grow.

This is a great seasonal and educational story about our changing seasons.

Pages: 32
Grades: preK-3

What's a Wrack Line?

The wrack line is the boundary where the highest tide or storm waves deposit debris along a beach. It's composed of various natural materials such as seaweed, shells, driftwood, and occasionally human-made litter.

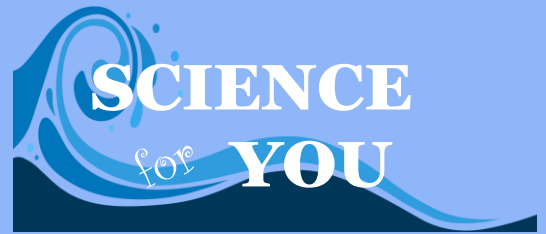
This debris accumulation serves ecological functions, providing habitats for small organisms and acting as a source of nutrients for beach ecosystems. Sand hoppers are tiny crustaceans that feed on decaying organic matter within the wrack. They, in turn, serve as food for shorebirds and other predators. Beach beetles also thrive in this environment, contributing to nutrient recycling and decomposition processes. Additionally, various species of beach-dwelling insects, such as ants and spiders, utilize the wrack line for shelter and foraging opportunities. The wrack line fosters a diverse array of small organisms crucial to beach biomes. Overall, these small organisms play vital roles in maintaining the balance and functioning of coastal ecosystems.

Additionally, the wrack line offers valuable insight into the health of marine environments, as changes in the composition of the wrack line can indicate shifts in ocean currents, pollution levels, and other environmental factors affecting coastal areas.



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Heidi Jo Hewitt Merkley

Exploring the Wind



- 1) **Attach some curling ribbon (the kind for presents and parties) to a stick.**
- 2) **Once the wind is blowing, go outside and let your ribbon fly!**
- 3) **Notice what happens to your ribbon as the wind hits it. You will be able to see the wind's direction and strength by noticing where the ribbon floats and how straight it gets.**
- 4) **Also, notice when the wind stops because your ribbon will fall towards the ground.**



It's a Honking On 'Er, Son!

If you are Down East and hear someone comment, "It's a honking on 'er, son," do you know what is meant? The statement is not referring to anyone's behavior but describing a fierce wind outside!

This expression often heard in our area vividly portrays the strength of strong wind gusts. No one I asked could tell me with surety from where the phrase derived. Some thought it came from the sound of an alarm that describes the intensity of the wind's roar. Others thought the phrase was meant as a comparison between a flock of squawking geese and the hurling wind gusts. I enjoyed digging into the meaning of this common phrase that I've heard all my life and have these four takeaways from my research! The metaphor between honking and gale-force winds can be substantiated by:

***Loudness*:** Just as a horn blasts or a flock of geese may honk loudly, gale-force winds create loud, roaring sounds as they whip through the air.

***Intensity*:** Both honking and gale-force winds convey a sense of force and power. They can be strong enough to move objects, disrupt outdoor activities, and even cause damage.

***Attention-Grabbing*:** A honking noise demands attention, similarly, gale-force winds demand attention due to their potential danger and impact on daily life.

***Warning Sign*:** In some contexts, honking can serve as a warning signal. Similarly, gale-force winds are often a warning of potential storms or hazardous weather conditions.

No matter how the phrase was coined, our communities which are accustomed to the power of nature often use colorful language to convey atmospheric conditions. So, if you hear someone say, "It's honking on 'er, son," grab a coat, secure your belongings, and brace yourself for a squally situation outside!