Listening in Nature Resources
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This collection is featured as part of A new Earth conversation’s Fall 2020 Listening in Nature Week. Selected by faculty and staff from the NEC network, these materials offer insight into how we can shift our relationship with the natural world. They offer an introduction to practices and ways we can listen to and learn from the environment around us, both through natural immersion and by unlearning an extractive human-environment relationship. Through practical guides, storytelling, creative works, and powerful non-fiction pieces, we hope these materials will help you to recognize your interdependence with the world. Each of these works is available in the Goddard Library.

LISTENING & LEARNING

On cultivating practices of listening

- **Rivers and tides: Andy Goldsworthy working with time**
- **Thoreau’s wildflowers / Henry David Thoreau**
- **The Illustrated "A Week on the Concord and Merrimack Rivers" / Henry David Thoreau**
- **Essays : a fully annotated edition / Henry David Thoreau**
- **A Course in Desert Spirituality / Thomas Merton**
- **World as Lover, World as Self : a Guide to Living Fully in Turbulent Times / Joanna Macy**
- **Profitably soaked: Thoreau’s engagement with water / edited by Robert Lawrence France**
- **Spiritual ecology : a quiet revolution / Leslie E. Sponsel**
- **The healing wisdom of Africa : finding life purpose through nature, ritual, and community / Malidoma Patrice Somé**

On nature as teacher

- **Braiding Sweetgrass / Robin Wall Kimmerer**
- **Emergent Strategy/ Adrienne Maree Brown**
- **The soul of an octopus : a surprising exploration into the wonder of consciousness / Sy Montgomery**
- **How forests think: toward an anthropology beyond the human / Eduardo Kohn**
- **The earth’s blanket: traditional teachings for sustainable living / Nancy J. Turner**

Storytelling and Creative Works

- **The Overstory / Richard Powers**
- **Ceremony / Leslie Marmon Silko**
- **Soul talk, song language : conversations with Joy Harjo / Joy Harjo and Tanaya Winder**
- **Parable of the talents / Octavia E. Butler**
- **Parable of the sower / Octavia E. Butler**
Reminders: American poetry at nature’s end/ Margaret Ronda

NATURE-BASED PRACTICES

Toward embodying a new relationship with the nature world

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A NEW RELATIONSHIP WITH NATURE

Nature in the Anthropocene:

- Thinking Like a Mall: Environmental Philosophy After the End of Nature/ Steven Vogel
- The mushroom at the end of the world: on the possibility of life in capitalist ruins/ Anna Lowenhaupt Tsing
- A history of the world in seven cheap things: a guide to capitalism, nature, and the future of the planet/ Raj Patel and Jason W. Moore
- The Great Derangement/ Amitov Ghosh
- The post carbon reader: managing the 21st century's sustainability crises/ Richard Heinberg and Daniel Lerch, editors
- The once and future world: nature as it was, as it is, as it could be/ J.B. MacKinnon.
- The quiet extinction: stories of North America’s rare and threatened plants/ Kara Rogers

Reframing nature, history, and place

- Savage Dreams/ Rebecca Solnit
- Storming the gates of paradise: landscapes for politics/ Rebecca Solnit
- Nature all around us: a guide to urban ecology/ edited by Beatrix Beisner, Christian Messier, and Luc-Alain Giraldeau

On Intersectional Environmentalism

- Farming while Black: Soul Fire Farm's practical guide to liberation on the land/ Leah Penniman
- To love the wind and the rain: African Americans and environmental history/ edited by Dianne D. Glave and Mark Stoll
- Rooted in the earth: reclaiming the African American environmental heritage/ Dianne D. Glave
- The nature of California: race, citizenship, and farming since the Dust Bowl/ Sarah D. Wald
Decolonizing Nature & Traditional Ecological Knowledge

- Sacred instructions: indigenous wisdom for living spirit-based change / Sherri Mitchell
- Original instructions: indigenous teachings for a sustainable future / Melissa K Nelson
- Recovering the sacred: the power of naming and claiming / Winona LaDuke
- The river of life: sustainable practices of native Americans and indigenous peoples / Michael E. Marchand
- The archipelago of hope: wisdom and resilience from the edge of climate change / Gleb Raygorodetsky