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priceless while we learn to use it and come to  
understand what it means to humanity."

- E. O. Wilson

Please support Discover Life in America with a year-end  
tax deductible contribution to help us conserve part of our  
natural heritage .Our work has uncovered new organisms  
never before known to science. The effort that is making  
history with the All Taxa Biodiversity Inventory in the  
Smokies. Just a few of our accomplishments  
and upcoming projects for 2012:

- Discovered 915 species brand new to science, as well as an additional 7,101 species not previously known in Great Smoky Mountains National Park.
- Trained hundreds of volunteers to assist with the ATBI.
- Granted hundreds of thousands of dollars to scientists and educators in support of their efforts to discover the biological riches of the Great Smoky Mountains.
- Sponsored "Bio-Quests" such as Beetle Blitzes, Fern Forays, Lepidoptera Quests, and other intensive field surveys.
- Created education programs that provide young people with the chance to learn biology from some

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**Species New To Science: 91**

**Species New To The Park: 7,1**



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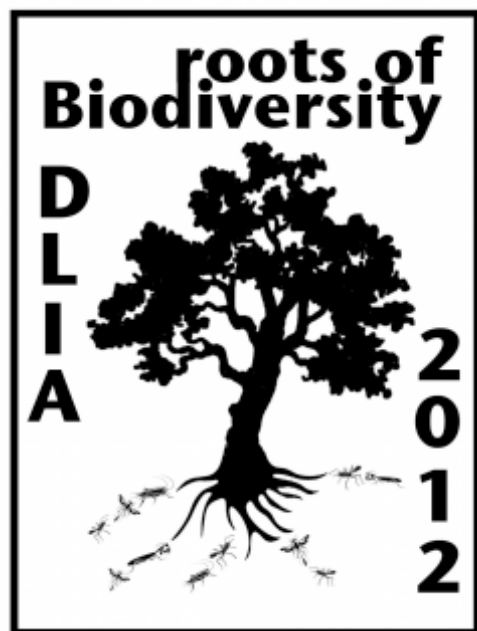
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share valuable information and to communicate the excitement of discovery to scientists, Park managers, and the world.

- Created a model ATBI in the Smokies for future ATBIs around the world.
- Working to conserve several at-risk trees in the Smokies with our Tree Teams Project, in finding an extremely rare “punk caterpillar.”
- Join us for our 15th Annual ATBI Conference, The Roots of Biodiversity with Dr. E.O. Wilson, March 22 -24 in Gatlinburg.

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**PLEASE JOIN US  
FOR OUR 15th ANNUAL  
ATBI CONFERENCE!**

Discover Life in America is proud to be putting on the 15th annual All Taxa Biodiversity Inventory Conference this



**An Evening with the  
Legendary E.O. Wilson  
March 24, 2012**

Edward O. Wilson, recently called “one of the most important biological theorists since Darwin” by The New York Times, returns to East Tennessee for a special appearance at Discover Life in America’s ATBI Conference 2012. Born in Birmingham, Alabama Wilson felt a

Missouri Botanical Garden  
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and 24th of March, 2012 - at the Glenstone Lodge in beautiful Gatlinburg, Tennessee. Although the main focus of the event is the presentation of scientific ATBI research, past conferences have included field trips in the Smokies, nature hikes and photography, fund-raising auctions, book signings, and general good times with good friends. The conference is open to scientists, researchers, educators, the press, and interested members of the public.

As a bonus again this year, DLIA is privileged to partner with the Great Smoky Mountains National Park in accomodating the presentation sessions of the Park Science Colloquium on the first day of the Conference.

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become one of the world's leading environmentalists.

In addition to winning two Pulitzer Prizes and numerous other awards, he was also called one of the "Top 25 most influential Americans" by Time Magazine.

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## CALL FOR CONFERENCE PROPOSALS!

We are proud to issue this **call for presentations** for the 15<sup>th</sup> installment of the All Taxa Biodiversity Inventory (**ATBI**) **Conference 2012**, presented by **Discover Life in America**. The purpose of this conference is to highlight the research, conservation and educational efforts being made to understand, manage and restore the unique biological diversity of Great Smoky Mountains National Park and beyond. In response to growing interest in the national ATBI movement, the scope of the meeting has been broadened to include representatives from across the region, continent and world.

**You are invited to join us** in Gatlinburg, Tennessee for **Discover Life in America's 2012 ATBI Conference**. Please consider presenting a paper, sharing your expertise in biodiversity, and/or being an active guest. We invite proposals for presentations, posters, and science, education and /or technology workshops on a broad array of topics pertinent to our professional community.

Great Smoky Mountains National Park is considered by some to be one of the

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that Discover Life in America (DLIA) is conducting an ongoing project to inventory all species that exist in the Park. The ATBI seeks to inventory the estimated 70,000-80,000 species of living organisms in Great Smoky Mountains National Park. The project continues to develop checklists, reports, maps, databases, GIS tools, and natural history profiles that describe the biology of this rich landscape to a wide audience. The species level of biological diversity is central to the ATBI, but the project also emphasizes exploration of this diversity in the context of broader ecological, conservation, and genetic relationships. While biodiversity research in the Great Smoky Mountains is the central theme of DLIA, 2012 conference participants are invited to present broadly on a variety of topics related to the goals of the ATBI. These may include:

- **Studies of Great Smoky Mountains taxa**
- **Biodiversity studies of other National Parks and protected areas**
- **Role of biodiversity research in conservation and education**
- **Species inventory and climate change**
- **The human footprint and change to biodiversity and community composition**
- **Application of technology, communication, and education in general biodiversity research**



[Check out our Tree Teams Project!](#)



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