



The 1114th meeting of the New England Botanical Club, Inc. will be held Friday, **2 December 2016, at 6:45 p.m.** in Haller Lecture Hall (room 102), Geological Museum, 24 Oxford St., Harvard University, Cambridge, MA.



“Aquatic and Terrestrial Decomposition of the Invasive Norway Maple”

By

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PLEASE NOTE:

- 1) **ANNA AQUILERA’S ABSTRACT:** Plant invasion in riparian habitats can result in complex changes to ecosystem function. Anna’s study determined decomposition rates and invertebrate habitat quality of two maple species: the native *Acer saccharum* and the non-native (and invasive) *Acer platanoides* as part of a larger project by the Ecological Research as Education Network. Please see the [NEBC Home Page](#) for the full abstract.
- 2) **NEXT NEBC MEETING:** On 6 January 2017, the NEBC membership will have its “**Seventeenth Shindig for Spirited Stories of Special Specimens and Sparkling Servings of Scrumptious Snacks.**” It will be held at the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife’s Cronin Building in Westborough, MA. The potluck dinner will begin at 5:30 pm, followed by a raffle of books and botanical items, and then the member “show and tell.” Start planning all your contributions.
- 3) **LES MEHRHOFF BOTANICAL RESEARCH FUND:** Applications for funding will be accepted from 20 November 2016 to 1 January 2017. Full details for project requirements and application instructions can be found on the [Les Mehrhoff Botanical Research Fund](#) web page. Summaries of past funded projects and a button for donations can be found on the same web page.
- 4) **VIDEOS of PAST PRESENTATIONS:** Please see [Past Meetings](#) for videos of past lectures, including Meghan Blumstein’s October presentation and Melissa Dow Cullina’s November presentation. No password required for these.
- 5) **PARKING LOCATION:** From 5 PM-10 PM, our designated FREE parking lot is **the 52 Oxford St. Garage, near the intersection of Everett St. and Oxford St.** Parking in any other lot will likely lead to towing. Please find a map showing the Oxford Garage (52OX) at the following link: [Interactive Harvard University Map](#).
- 6) **EARLIER ARRIVALS:** For those arriving before 5 PM, visitor permits (\$17.00/day) are available from Harvard Parking Service at Harvard Campus Service Center, 8th floor, Holyoke Building, 1350 Massachusetts Ave. (8AM-5PM) and on-line at [Visitor Parking Permit](#). Select OEB/MCZ/HUH for building and 2017 for the department code. License plate number needed for transaction. Print pass and display on dash. For more information, Parking Services may be contacted at 617-495-3772 or parking@harvard.edu. [AN ALTERNATIVE: Some members park at Alewife T station and ride the red line train to the Harvard Square T stop.]

The Council will meet 4–5 PM in the meeting room near Haller Lecture Hall.