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## **New York State Museum Archived Websites B2173**

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## Overview of the Records

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<b>Repository:</b>	New York State Archives
<b>Summary:</b>	This series consists of archival copies of the publicly accessible websites of the New York State Museum.
<b>Creator:</b>	New York State Museum
<b>Title:</b>	State Museum archived websites
<b>Quantity:</b>	11 website(s)
<b>Inclusive Date:</b>	2007, 2008, 2011
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## Scope and Content Note

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This series consists of archival copies of the publicly accessible websites of the New York State Museum.

B2173-07: This accretion consists of a copy of the New York State Museum site produced on March 27, 2007, shortly after Governor George E. Pataki (1995-2006) left office. It contains a listing of temporary exhibitions (2007), information about permanent and traveling exhibits, and teacher's guides to select exhibits. Also present is information about the two scientific reservations under the management of the New York State Museum, Lester Park and Stark's Knob, including a virtual site visit for Stark's Knob. The site also contains information about anthropological, biological, geological, and historical research conducted by museum staff, with descriptions of research projects and relevant publications on the topics, and information about prominent museum collections covering the topics listed above. These pages include images of research projects and collections organized by topic.

Also present is information about State Museum programs for children and adults, including guided tours for elementary and secondary school students; the state historic marker program; guidelines for local government historians; a complete listing of museum publications available for purchase; information about the chartering program for museums and historical societies with sample petitions; a staff listing (2007); a description of Geographic Information System data collected by the Museum; and a calendar of Museum events (2007).

This accretion also includes copies of two other websites maintained by the State Museum as of March 2007. First of these is the website devoted to the BioBlitz (copied March 12, 2007), a comprehensive inventory of all of the living organisms within a given area. Also present are

results from previous biological censuses (1999-2001), online forms for participating in the 2007 BioBlitz at Caleb Smith State Park Preserve on Long Island, and directions to census sites (1999-2001, 2006).

The Biodiversity Clearinghouse site (copied March 12, 2007) contains information about the New York State Biodiversity Project, which enabled the State Museum and four other research organizations to share knowledge about the state's biodiversity and identify ways to protect it. Also present is information about the state's general physical characteristics; detailed information about species of slime molds, bees, birds, fish, crayfish, shrimps, and crabs found in the state; and threats to biodiversity.

B2173-08: This accretion consists of a copy of the New York State Museum website produced on May 20, 2008, shortly after the resignation of Governor Eliot L. Spitzer (2007-2008). It contains press releases (1998-2008), a listing of temporary exhibitions (2008), information about permanent and traveling exhibits, and teacher's guides (2008) to select exhibits. Also present is information about the two scientific reservations under the management of the New York State Museum, Lester Park and Stark's Knob, including a virtual site visit for Stark's Knob. The site also contains information about anthropological, biological, geological, and historical research conducted by museum staff, with descriptions of research projects and relevant publications on the topics, and information about prominent museum collections covering the topics listed above. These pages include images of research projects and collections organized by topic.

Also present is information about State Museum programs for children and adults including guided tours for elementary and secondary school students; the state historic marker program; guidelines for local government historians; a complete listing of museum publications available for purchase; information about the chartering program for museums and historical societies with sample petitions; a staff listing (2008); a description of Geographic Information System data collected by the Museum; a calendar of Museum events (2008); and information about individual or corporate membership in the Museum (2008).

This accretion also includes copies of two other websites maintained by the State Museum as of May 2008. First of these is the website devoted to the BioBlitz (copied May 19, 2008), a comprehensive inventory of all of the living organisms within a given area. Also present are results from previous biological censuses (1999-2001), online forms for participating in the event (2007), and directions to the event sites (1999-2001, 2006-2007).

The Biodiversity Clearing house site (copied May 19, 2008) contains information about the the New York State Biodiversity Project, which enabled the State Museum and four other research organizations to share knowledge about the state's biodiversity and identify ways to protect it. Also present is information about the state's general physical characteristics; detailed information about species of slime molds, bees, birds, fish, crayfish, shrimps, and crabs found in the state; and threats to biodiversity.

B2173-11: This accretion contains a copy of the New York State Museum site produced on January 15, 2011, shortly after Governor David A. Paterson (2008-2010) left office.

This accretion also includes four other websites maintained by State Museum as of early 2011: the BioBlitz site (copied January 14, 2011), the Biodiversity Clearinghouse site (copied January 14, 2011), the State Museum's Flickr page (copied February 1, 2011), and the State Museum's YouTube Channel (copied February 1, 2011).

Researchers should note that, owing to the structure of the live pages and the limitations of Web archiving technology, most of the content contained within the State Museum's Flickr and YouTube pages could not be copied properly. Researchers should also note that the State Museum's Facebook page could not be copied successfully as of early 2011.

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## Related Information

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### Related Material

B2165Series B2165, State Education Department Archived Websites, contains copies of the websites of the parent agency of the State Museum

B2168Series B2168, Office of Cultural Education Archived Websites, contains copies of the websites of the State Education Department office that oversees the operations of the State Museum.

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## Use of Records

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### Access Restrictions

There are no restrictions regarding access to or use of this material.

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## Administrative Information

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### Custodial History

The New York State Archives used Web archiving software to copy these websites in order to preserve the information they contain.

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## Access Terms

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- Biology--Research--New York (State)
- Publicizing state government
- Web sites
- Museum exhibits
- New York (State)
- Museums and schools--New York (State)
- New York (State)--History
- Museums--Employees--New York (State)
- Biodiversity--Research--New York (State)
- History--Research--New York (State)
- Documenting public policy
- Museums--Educational aspects--New York (State)
- Geology--Research--New York (State)
- Museums--New York (State)
- New York (State)--Politics and government
- Anthropology--Research--New York (State)
- New York (State). Education Department