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Our first question of the year comes from U.S. Fish and Wildlife Fishery Biologist Andrea Ania about an arbor bound friend. While most canines are terrestrial limited, one species tries to get a better view from above.

What is the only canine species with the ability to climb trees?

See the [answer](#).

Below is the 1/9/09 biweekly update for Huron Pines.

Happy New Year!

Thank you!
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North Branch Au Sable River Assessment Available

The draft for the [North Branch Au Sable River Watershed Assessment](#) is now available online!

Because it is such a critical natural resource right in the heart of Northern Michigan, we are taking the necessary steps to protect the North Branch Au Sable both in the immediate and long-term future. The Watershed Assessment will help steer protection efforts for both Huron Pines and our partners. After reviewing the [Watershed Assessment](#), we welcome your input and ask that you send comments back to our office. View the [Stakeholder Questions](#).

We would like to thank the North Branch Au Sable Area Association for funding this project.

Learn more about [Watershed Management](#).

Otsego Lake Watershed Summary Available

We recently completed a [Homeowner's Guide to Otsego Lake](#). The [Otsego Lake Association](#) partnered with Huron Pines, agency personnel, scientific experts, and local landowners to improve the quality of the lake and surrounding watershed. The guide offers valuable insights about the area as well as great resources on protection efforts like [Greenbelts](#).

[Click here](#) to read about the area's valuable resources and the ongoing efforts to preserve them. Learn more about [Otsego Lake](#).

Huron Pines Annual Meeting- *Focus on Invasive Species*

The [Huron Pines Annual Meeting](#) will be **Saturday, February 7** at the [Gaylord Knights of Columbus Hall](#) from 9:30-1pm. Please join us in discussing invasive species in Northeast Michigan. Our speakers include John Legge, the Conservation Director at the Michigan Nature Conservancy, Ken Hyde, a Wildlife Biologist with the National Park Service, and Brian Mastenbrook, a wildlife biologist with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

The meeting is free to members and \$10 to non-members. Seating is limited and reservations are required. To register, please email jill@huronpines.org or call (989) 344-0753 x 21 by February 2, 2009.

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