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### Sipùwas Siputèt (Plum Run)

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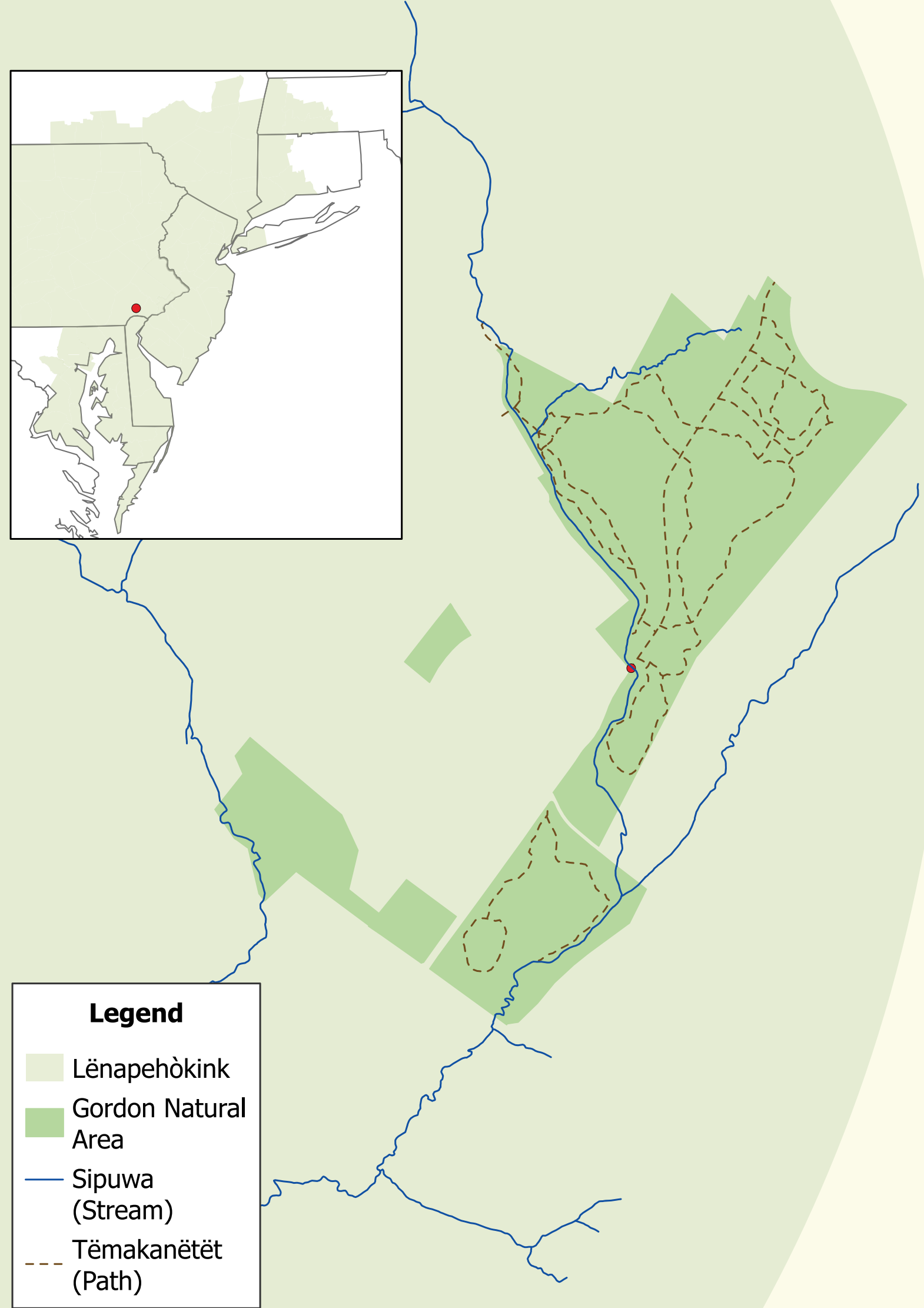
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## Lënapehòkink

### ANCESTRAL HOMELAND OF THE LENAPE

The Lenape (Leh-NAH-pay) culture is composed of *tùkwsit* (Wolf Clan), *pukuàнкуwàk* (Turtle Clan), and *pëleyok* (Turkey Clan). Due to several forced removals intensifying with the 1737 Walking Purchase, their diaspora now includes Oklahoma (Delaware Tribe of Indians; Delaware Nation); Wisconsin (Stockbridge- Munsee); and Ontario (Delaware Nation at Moraviantown; Munsee-Delaware Nation; Delaware at Six Nations). Today, Lenape retain strong ties to and an ongoing presence within *Lënapehòkink*.

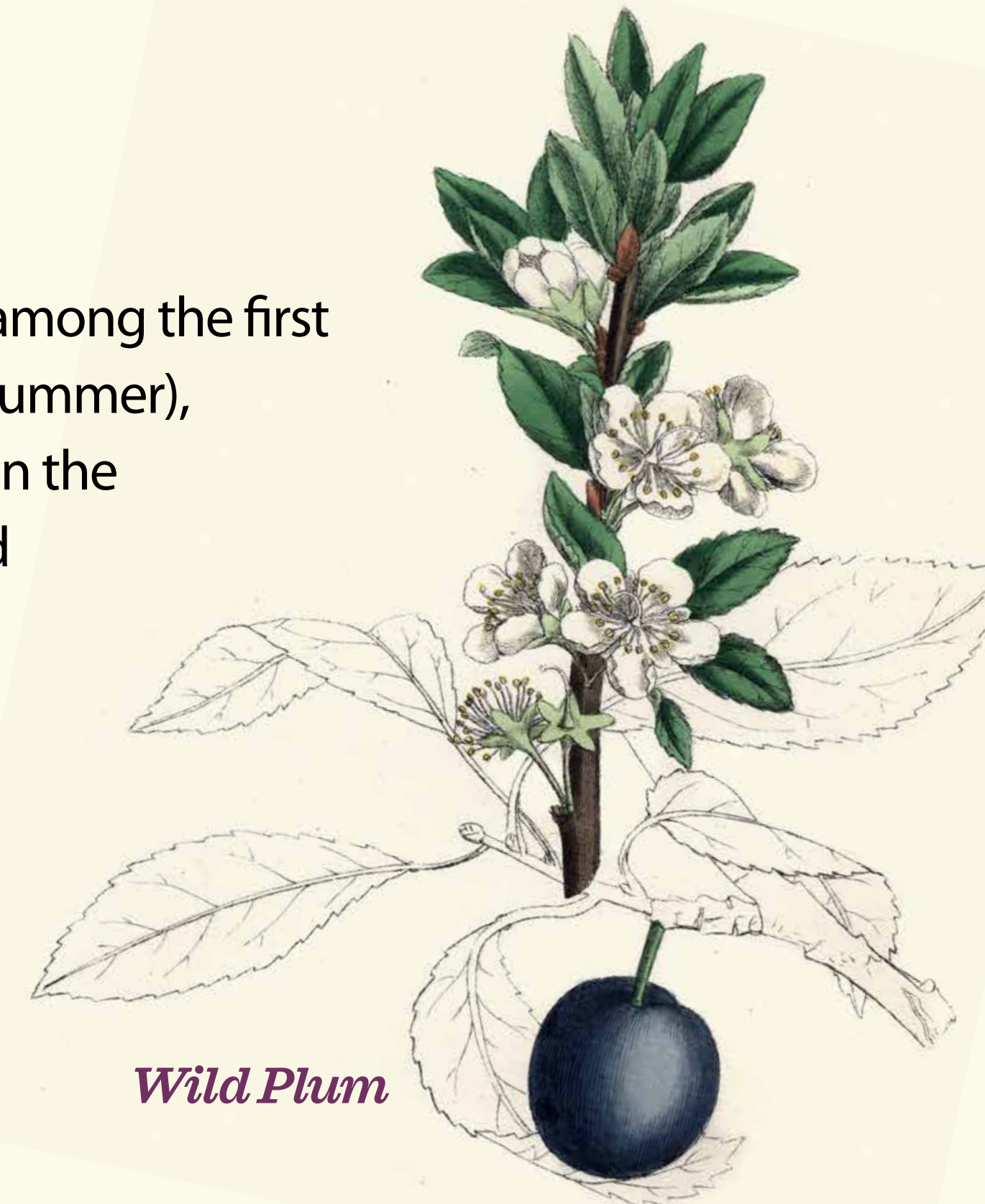


## Sipùwas Siputèt

*Sipùwas* (wild plum) grow along *sipuwa* (streams). They are among the first trees to flower in *sikòn* (spring), produce sour fruit in *nipëni* (summer), and brilliant foliage in *tahkokën* (fall). Along with other plants in the Gordon Natural Area, *sipùwas* were first used by Lenape as food and medicine.

Part of traditional foraging grounds, *Sipùwas Siputèt* (Plum Run) flows through the Gordon Natural Area's *tëkëne* (woodlands), *mëkëke* (meadows), and *tëlamaskek* (wetlands), ultimately feeding into the Brandywine and Delaware Rivers.

**The WCU community is honored to currently steward the Gordon Natural Area. Lenape words are in Unami, the dialect associated with this area of Lënapehòkink**



*Wild Plum*

### PRONUNCIATION GUIDE



sipuwa



sikòn



nipëni



tahkokën



tëkëne



mëkëke



tëlamaskek

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