

**Submerged terra incognita:
Lake Michigan's abundant but unknown rocky zones**

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Introduction

“It was six men of Indostan
To learning much inclined,
Who went to see the Elephant
(Though all of them were blind),
That each by observation
Might satisfy his mind.” (Saxe, 1872)

The Great Lakes are too large to see, hence we are all blind. This is true for many large-scale landforms. In classical terrestrial ecology the example lies in the sand dunes of Indiana and Michigan. For an ecologist in Michigan to assume that dune ecology applies to Illinois and Wisconsin would be myopic since dunes are nearly

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