

Mythical Creatures Rubric

- Creature name(s)
- Origin of the creature
- Location of creature
- Environment the creature lived in
- Description and dates of sightings
- Effect on environment and or humans
- 2 picture or drawings
- 2 references
- Your thoughts (could this really exist) (why do you think it existed)

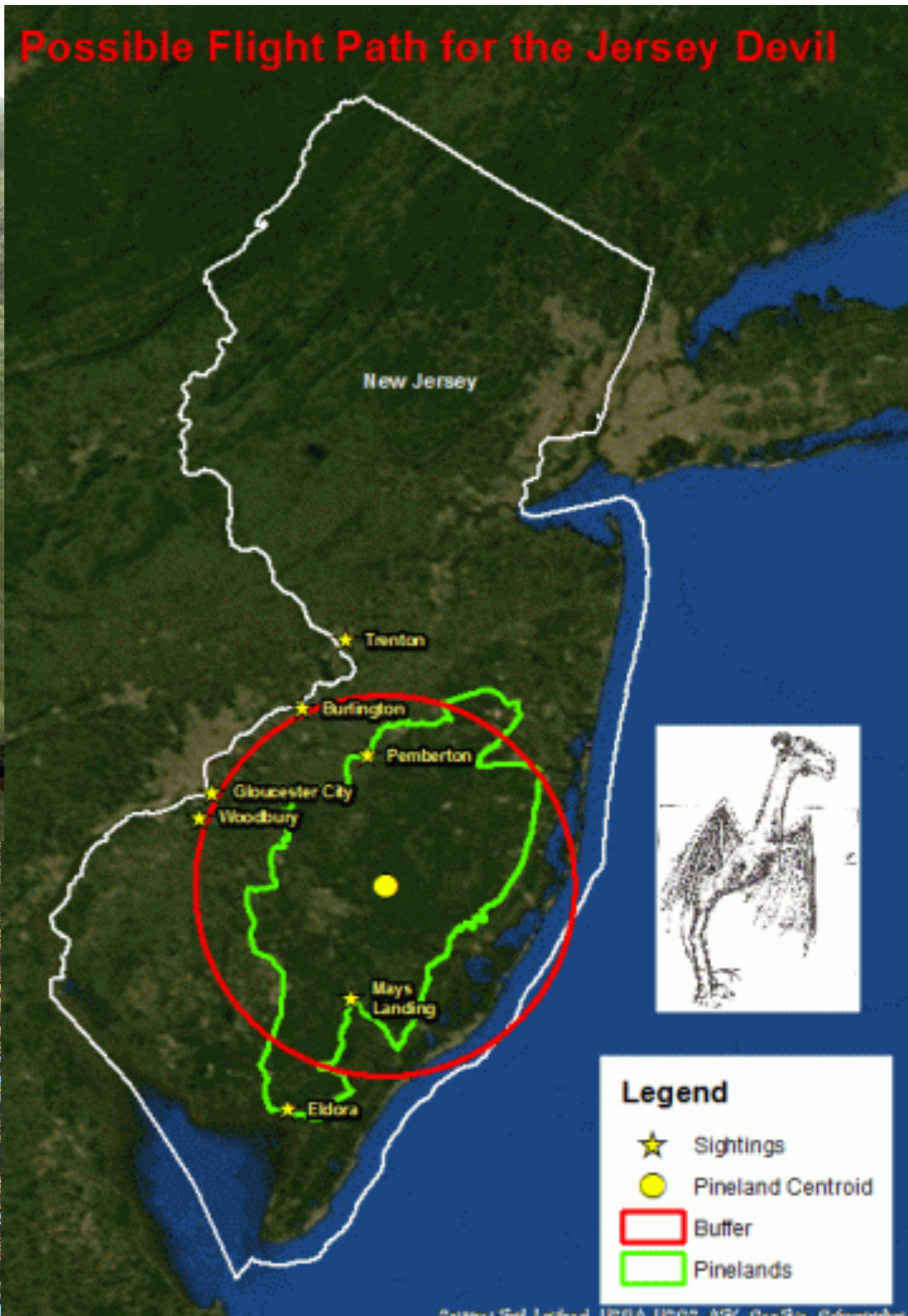
The Jersey Devil

- On a dark & stormy night in 1735 Mrs. Leeds gave birth to her 13 child. The baby was born normal but then changed to have a tail, hooves, and wings. The devil was born and flew up the chimney. This is the most popular story but there are other story about curses. NJ is the only state to have a state demon





Possible Flight Path for the Jersey Devil



- There have been many sightings from the mid 1700's right up to 2015 where a man caught something flying on his cell phone.
- In 1909 over 1000 reports came in of the devils sightings. One of the most famous sightings happened when Navy Commander Stephen Decatur was testing a cannon and shot at the devil. He put a hole in the creature but it was not fazed.
- In 1812 Joseph Bonaparte, Napoleon's older brother, sighted the devil while hunting.



- The Devil has been reported to raid chicken coops, kill larger animals like pigs and horses, and destroy crops.
- References and My Thoughts:
 - state.nj.us Pinelands Commission
 - A Night With the Jersey Devil, Song, Bruce Springsteen
 - My opinion is that a handicap baby was born to Mrs. Leeds and then local people started talking and then the stories got more exaggerated. There probably is some type of predator in the Pine Barrens that is being sighted. The predator might be common or not.