## Potawatomi Glossary

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áhsen – three; Skywoman's daughter's twin sons (p. 2581)
anenemik – the word for maple; the man tree (p. 172)
bewiieskwinuk - one of the names for cattail; meaning "we wrap the baby in it" (p. 230)
Bozho – hello (p. 156)
Bodwewadmi (Potawatomi) - People of the Fire (p. 361)
chimokman – the long-knife people (p. 367)
edbesendowen - the humility (p. 238)
én:ska - one; "this word evokes the fall of Skywoman from the world above." (p. 258)
kanienkeha – the Mohawk call themselves the People of the Flint (p. 255)
kizhig – Cedar; the sacred plant of the South (p. 209)
manido – a powerful spirit-being (p. 205)
megwech – thank you (p. 54)
minidewak – traditional give away; "they give from the heart" (p. 381)
Mishkos kenomagwen – what the plants have shown: "If we use a plant respectfully it will stay with us and
                         flourish. If we ignore it, it will go away." (p. 157)
mshkodewashk - Sage; the sacred plan of the West (p. 212)
Nanabozho - the Anishinaabe Original Man (p. 63)
niibin – summer; "the time of plenty" (p. 375)
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Nya wenhah ska – a greeting of health and peace (p. 107)
ode'mini-giizis – Strawberry Moon (p. 23)
Puhpowee – the life force that causes mushrooms to push up from the earth overnight (p. 49)
sema - the sacred tobacco (p. 208)
shkitagen – the firekeeper fungus; a valued traditional medicine (p. 364)
Tahawus - the Cloud Splitter (p. 34)
tékeni – two; "Skywoman gave birth to a daughter." (p. 258)
waabigwanigiizis - Flower Moon (p. 22)
wabunong – the East; the direction of knowledge (p. 208)
watap – roots of white spruce; "a cultural keystone for indigenous peoples of the Great Lakes." (p. 232)
Wewene – "in a good time, in a good way" (p. 361)
wiikwegamaa – to be a bay (p. 54)
wiingaashk -- sweetgrass - the sweet-smelling hair of Mother Earth (Preface)
Windigo – "a human whose selfishness has overpowered their self-control to the point that satisfaction is no longer
            possible." (p. 306)
Wisgaak gokpenagen – Black Ash basket (p. 141)
yawe – the animate to be (p. 56)
zaaganaash – the offshore people (p. 365)
zhawanong – the South; the land of birth and growth (p. 209)
zizibaskwet giizis – Anishinaabe new year, Maple Sugar Moon (p. 168)
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