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handle @blackforager, won the award for Social Media Account. Nelson has accumulated one million followers on

Instagram and over three million followers on TikTok. Her content typically ranges from the indigenous roots of foraging in America to the history of American foraging laws to sustainable cooking methods with a focus on vegan recipes.



Alexis Nikole Nelson is taking the popular TikTok and Instagram video based on the indigenous food advice on foraging. [Ken Johnson/Columbia Monthly](#)

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Description

The @blackfForager has an enthusiastic style of teaching us about the edible gifts from nature. A former North Avondale native and graduate of The New School.

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