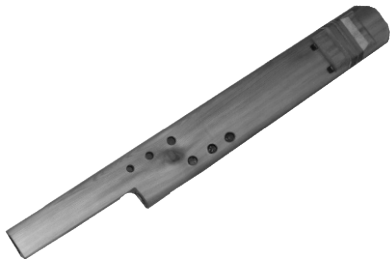


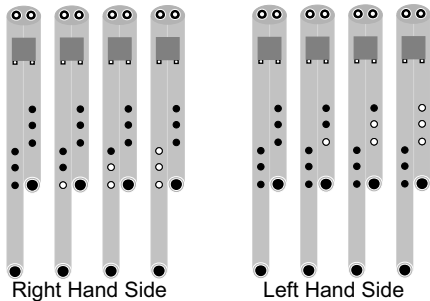
What is a Native American Drone Flute?

Native American Flutes have been made for at least 8000 years that we know of. Drone flutes have been made in the Americas for at least 3000 years that we know of, the earliest of which made of clay. Taking many shapes, Native American Drone Flutes have been made of river cane, various woods and even in shapes of snakes as well as other animals! Although drone flutes are not to be confused with the South American Siku (the pan flute), the idea of playing harmonies with other instruments as the drone does, is one which has always been there. Today, the drone flute has made it's mark on modern Native American Flute culture and is a highly prized instrument of anyone interested in the Native American Flute! Playing solo or with other instruments, the drone flute is ever enchanting and awe-inspiring!

4th and 5th Drone Flutes



4th and 5th Drone Fingering Chart



Covered holes are black and un-covered holes are white. This fingering chart shows the fingerings from bottom note to top note of each side of the flute independently. Each side of the flute can play the bottom 4 notes of their respective minor pentatonic scale, allowing for many combinations when played together. For more detailed playing instructions please visit: youtube.com/bluebearflutes

Notes of Scales

4th Drone Right/Left hand notes:

F#, A, B, C# / B, D, E, F#

5th Drone Right/Left hand notes:

E, G, A, B / B, D, E, F#

Flute Maintenance

Your Native American Flute has a natural finish of bees wax, sunflower oil, tea tree and peppermint oils and when maintained properly can last a lifetime. The best way to keep its finish and protect the flute from cracking or drying out is to coat it inside and out lightly with olive oil or your other favorite non-toxic oil.

Troubleshooting

The most common things to happen with your new flute are usually the simplest to repair. The "block" which is tied onto your flute with a piece of leather sometimes slides down or gets a small piece of debris under it and is certainly easy to clean and reposition. You will notice the sound hole showing in front of the block needs to be uncovered and though it is important to tie the block down tight, be careful not to break the leather lace holding it.