

News and Comment

Upcoming Meetings and Workshops

International Urban Wildlife Conference

International Urban Wildlife Conference hosted by the Lincoln Park Zoo's Urban Wildlife Institute and the Wildlife Society's Urban Wildlife Working Group to be

held 17–20 May 2015 at the Lincoln Park Zoo, Chicago, Illinois. Registration is currently open. More information is available at <http://www.urban-wildlife.org/>.

Society for Freshwater Science Annual Meeting 2015

The annual Society for Freshwater Science meeting to be held 17–21 May 2015 at the Wisconsin Center, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Registration is currently open.

More information is available at <http://sfsannualmeeting.org/>.

Ontario Biodiversity Summit 2015

The 2015 Ontario Biodiversity Summit – the first of its kind in Ontario – to be held 19–22 May at the Marriott Gateway on the Falls, Niagara Falls, Ontario. The diverse program will focus on how to engage people, reduce threats, enhance resilience and improve knowl-

edge via concurrent sessions, keynote speakers, networking events, a poster session and exhibit hall, and field trip activities. Registration is currently open. More information is available at <http://ontariobiodiversitysummit.ca/>.

Canadian Society of Ecology and Evolution Annual Meeting 2015

The 10th annual meeting of the Canadian Society of Ecology and Evolution to be held 21–25 May 2015 at the University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. The theme of the conference is: 'Ecology and

Evolution of Managed Landscapes'. Registration is currently open. More information is available at <http://csee2015.usask.ca/>.

Canadian Society of Zoologists Annual Meeting 2015

The annual Canadian Society of Zoologists meeting to be held 25–29 May 2015 at the University of Calgary, Calgary, Alberta. Registration is currently open. More

information is available at <http://www.ucalgary.ca/csz2015/>.

International Association of Great Lakes Research Annual Meeting 2015

The 58th annual meeting of the International Association of Great Lakes Research to be held 25–29 May 2015 at the University of Vermont, Burlington, Ver-

mont. Registration is currently open. More information is available at <http://www.iaglr.org/iaglr2015/>.

Society of Wetland Scientists Annual Meeting 2015

The annual meeting of the Society of Wetland Scientists to be held 31 May – 4 June 2015 at the Rhode Island Convention Center in Providence, Rhode Island. The theme of the conference is: 'Changing Climate, Changing Wetlands' and will examine the role that

wetlands play in the global carbon cycle, how they are affected by our changing climate and how they can provide adaptation services. Registration is currently open. More information is available at <http://swsannualmeeting.org/>.

Mothapalooza 2015

Mothapalooza III to be held 12–14 June 2015 at the Shawnee Lodge and Conference Center, West Ports-

mouth, Ohio. More information is available at <http://www.mothapalooza.org/>.

American Society of Mammalogists Annual Meeting 2015

The 95th annual meeting of the American Society of Mammalogists to be held 12–16 June 2015 at the Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront, Jacksonville, Florida.

Registration is currently open. More information is available at <https://ksuconferences.com/mammalogists/>.

International Conference on Fish Telemetry 2015

The 3rd International Conference on Fish Telemetry hosted by the Ocean Tracking Network to be held 13–17 July 2015 at the World Trade and Convention Centre, Halifax, Nova Scotia. The conference will present the latest aquatic-animal telemetry research under

emerging topics like transboundary issues, visualization and modelling, and intelligent open-access data. Registration is currently open. More information is available at <http://2015icft.org/>.

Ornithology Meeting 2015

A joint meeting of the Association of Field Ornithologists, Society of Canadian Ornithologists / Société des ornithologistes du Canada, and the Wilson Ornithological Society to be held 16–19 July 2015 at Acadia

University, Wolfville, Nova Scotia. Registration is currently open. More information is available at <http://personalpress.acadiau.ca/ornithmeet2015/>.

Botany 2015 Meeting

The annual Botany conference to be held 25–29 July 2015 at the Shaw Conference Centre, Edmonton, Alberta. This annual meeting is a multiple scientific society conference (American Bryological and Lichenological Society; American Society of Plant Taxonomists; Botanical Society of America; Plant Canada; Canadian Botanical Association; American Fern Society; International Association for Plant Taxonomy; Canadian

Weed Science Society; Canadian Phytopathological Society; Canadian Society of Plant Biologists; Society of Herbarium Curators; Canadian Society of Agronomy; Canadian Society for Horticultural Science) serving over 7000 plant scientists and students whose research and practice span the globe. Registration is currently open. More information is available at <http://www.botanyconference.org/>.

Mycological Society of America and the Botanical Society of America Meeting 2015

A joint meeting of the Mycological Society of America and the Botanical Society of America to be held 25–29 July 2015 in Edmonton, Alberta. More informa-

tion is available at <http://msafungi.org/meetings/> (temporary website).

American Ornithologists' Union and Cooper Ornithological Society Meetings 2015

The annual meeting of the American Ornithologists' Union (133rd meeting) and the Cooper Ornithological Society (85th meeting) to be held 28 July – 2 August

2015 at the University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma. More information is available at <http://aoucos2015.ou.edu/>.

Timothy Christopher (“CHRIS”) Brayshaw 1919–2014

Prominent Canadian botanist Chris Brayshaw died on December 22, 2014, age 95. He was born 2 July 1919 in Yorkshire, England, and came to Canada with his parents at the age of one. He served in the Air Force during World War II and completed his BA in biology after the war at University of British Columbia. He went to the University of Saskatchewan, where he earned an MA on ‘Prairie Grassland Research’ in 1950. He then returned to UBC, where, in 1954, he received a PhD with a dissertation on ‘Ponderosa Pine Ecology’. Joining the Federal Government, Chris worked in Ottawa and nearby Chalk River. He joined the BC Provincial Museum in 1963. For the next forty years he advanced and promoted knowledge of B.C. plants. He prepared for the move of the museums botanical collections and facilities from the Legislature buildings to the current site. He wrote several seminal books that

he exquisitely illustrated as a true nature artist and son of his mother. He helped plan and develop the new facilities and exhibits. Like many others who made a significant contribution to our knowledge of biodiversity in Canada, several of his early papers in the 1960s were published in *The Canadian Field-Naturalist*.

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