

Editorial

I began my role as Editor in Chief in 2010, managing new submissions for volume 125. I am indebted to Francis Cook, retired CFN Editor in Chief, for his excellent mentorship and support throughout my tenure. Francis understood fully the daily challenges and rewards of editing *The Canadian Field-Naturalist*. It is now time that I pass on the torch. I welcome our new Editor in Chief Dr. Dwayne Lepitzki, an expert in malacology, parasitology. Dwayne has a well-earned reputation of team leading and getting the job done effectively.

I am grateful for the support I have received from the OFNC Board of Directors and Publications Committee, and honoured to have worked with a top-notch team of Associate Editors. I especially wish to thank the CFN core staff, who were conscientious, worked effectively as a team, and remained good-humoured in the face of unexpected last-minute challenges: Wendy Cotie, Jay Fitzsimmons, Sandy Garland, William Halliday, Roy John, Amanda Martin, Liz Morton, Trina Rytwinski, and Ken Young.

It has been an honour to help carry on the 136 year tradition of *The Canadian Field-Naturalist*, which plays an important role as one of the world's few journals dedicated to advancing natural history research. CFN will continue to publish natural history science, to serve as a link between scientists and members of the public interested in natural history, and to provide mentorship to the next generation of natural history scientists.

CAROLYN CALLAGHAN, outgoing *Editor in Chief*

I am humbled, honoured, and excited to begin this new chapter in *The Canadian Field-Naturalist* and in my career. One of my first publications was in this journal and I still remember the thrill of my first professional paper become part of “the literature”. I hope to maintain that thrill as both new and more seasoned scientists, amateur and professional, complete the final step of their investigations or observations: publication. There will be some changes but I will also maintain the tradition of high quality publication in all the various fields of natural history, the backbone of ecological and conservation science. The biggest change will be the transition to the Online Journal System (OJS) for submission and review of manuscripts; however, we'll still accept manuscripts the way it's been done for over a century. There will be a few new names and faces as Associate Editors (AE) join the team and a few others retire from their duties as AEs. I will miss the opportunity to work with those who are stepping down but look forward to continuing to work with those who are staying. We'll also update the Instructions to Authors, tweaking a little here and a little there. The Publications Committee, production team, and I also will look into using the OJS for the other steps of the process. Lastly, while I eagerly awaited the arrival of each new issue in the past, I now have the opportunity to see the observations and studies on their journey to publication. Keep those manuscripts coming!

WAYNE LEPITZKI, incoming *Editor in Chief*