

News and Comment

Upcoming Meetings and Workshops

The Wildlife Society Annual Conference

The 25th Wildlife Society Annual Conference Meeting to be held 7–11 October 2018 at the Cleveland Convention Center, Cleveland, Ohio. Registration is cur-

rently open. More information is available at <http://twconference.org>.

Student Conference on Conservation Science-New York

The 9th annual Student Conference on Conservation Science-New York to be held 24–26 October 2018 at the American Museum of Natural History, New York, New York. More information is available at [https://](https://www.amnh.org/our-research/center-for-biodiversity-conservation/convener-and-connecting/student-conference-on-conservation-science-new-york-sccs-ny)

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North American Caribou Workshop

The 17th North American Caribou Workshop, organized by Environment and Climate Change Canada in partnership with Natural Resources Canada and a number of non-governmental organizations, to be held 29 October–2 November 2018 at the Delta Ottawa City

Centre, Ottawa, Ontario. The theme of the conference is: ‘Working Together’. Registration is currently open. More information is available at <http://www.nacw2018.ca/Homepage>.

James Fletcher Award for *The Canadian Field-Naturalist* Volume 131

The James Fletcher Award is awarded to the authors of the best paper published in a volume of *The Canadian Field-Naturalist* (CFN), and first started with Volume 130 (see 130: 285, <http://doi.org/10.22621/cfn.v131i3.2071>). The award is in honour of James Fletcher, founder of the Ottawa Field-Naturalists’ Club (OFNC) and the first editor of CFN’s earliest iteration, *Transactions of the Ottawa Field-Naturalists’ Club*. A subcommittee of the OFNC Publications Committee selected the top three papers in Volume 131 of CFN and the full committee made the final selection. The award for Volume 131 of CFN goes to:

Thomas Reimchen. Diverse Ecological Pathways of Salmon Nutrients Through an Intact Marine-terrestrial Interface. *Canadian Field-Naturalist* 131(4): 350–368. <https://doi.org/10.22621/cfn.v131i4.1965>

- This paper describes the flow of nutrients from salmon in spawning streams throughout the food web in both aquatic and riparian habitats in a protected reserve on Haida Gwaii, British Columbia. The paper is very clearly written, and an immense amount of work went into it.

Congratulations to Tom Reimchen for his excellent paper.

The other short-listed finalists were:

Marion Barbé, Louis Dubois, Jean Faubert, Martin Lavoie, Yves Bergeron, and Nicole J. Fenton. Range Extensions of 35 Bryophyte Species in the Black Spruce–Feather Moss Forest of Western Quebec, Canada. *Canadian Field-Naturalist* 131(3): 258–269. <https://doi.org/10.22621/cfn.v131i3.1901>

- This paper describes range extensions for an impressive number of bryophytes (35) in northern Quebec, and represents an impressive addition to the flora of the region.

Peter W. Hall, Paul M. Catling, Paul L. Mosquin, and Ted Mosquin. European Skipper Butterfly (*Thymelicus lineola*) Associated with Reduced Seed Development of Showy Lady’s-slipper Orchid (*Cypripedium reginae*). *Canadian Field-Naturalist* 131(1): 63–68. <https://doi.org/10.22621/cfn.v131i1.1952>

- This paper presents a clear, hypothesis-driven study, examining the influence of European Skipper Butterfly on the fitness of Showy Lady’s-slipper Orchid.

Congratulations to these finalists. We would also like to show our appreciation to all authors who chose to share their interesting and valuable field-based studies with the readers of Volume 131 of *The Canadian Field-Naturalist*.

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Francis Cook Appointed to the Order of Canada for his Exceptional Contributions to Canadian Herpetology and *The Canadian Field-Naturalist*

Francis Cook, former Editor-in-Chief and Associate Editor of *The Canadian Field-Naturalist* (CFN) and long-time and Honorary Member of The Ottawa Field-Naturalists' Club, was appointed to the Order of Canada on 29 June 2018. The Order of Canada is one of our country's top civilian honours, awarded in recognition of an individual's outstanding achievement, dedication to community, and service to Canada (Governor General of Canada 2018). In Francis' case, this was "For his dedication to the development of Canadian herpetology and for his lifelong contributions to a specialized publication in the field" (Governor General of Canada 2018).

Francis has contributed to the development of herpetology in Canada in many ways. Contributions include:

- his involvement with the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada (COSEWIC), chairing the COSEWIC subcommittee for amphibians and reptiles from 1981–1994 and serving subsequently as a COSEWIC reviewer;
- his tenure as Curator of the Herpetology Section for the Canadian Museum of Nature, where he helped increase the museum's herpetology collection from 14 000 to an impressive 133 000 specimens; and
- his contributions to the scientific literature, with 63 published scientific works on herpetology, including books, book chapters, monographs, and journal articles.

Francis has also made an exceptional contribution to CFN. When Francis Cook stepped down as Associate Editor in 2016 he completed 48 years of service to the journal. This included his 35-year tenure as Editor-in-Chief, a service three times longer than any other Editor in the 139-year history of CFN (and its predecessors). For a more detailed accounting of the contributions listed above, please see the Introduction to this Special Issue (Halliday and Seburn 2018) and Catling *et al.* (2016).

CFN offers its congratulations to Francis Cook for this well-deserved honour!

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