

Editors' Report for Volume 131 (2017)

Mailing dates for the four issues in volume 131 are as follows: 30 August 2017, 1 December 2017, 28 June 2018, and 11 April 2018. Summaries of the distribution of memberships in the Ottawa Field-Naturalists' Club, who all receive access to *The Canadian Field-Naturalist*, and subscribers to *The Canadian Field-Naturalist* for 2017 are provided in Table 1, along with comparison numbers for volume 130. Institutional subscribers potentially represent many thousands of users. The number of articles published in volume 131 declined over the number published in volume 130 but the number of notes remained about the same (Table 2); birds and mammals were the main subject areas (Table 2). A new type of manuscript, thematic collections, began to be published in 2017; these are editor-selected compilations of previously-published contributions in both *The Canadian Field-Naturalist* and the regional Ottawa Field-Naturalists' Club publication, *Trail & Landscape*, on a central theme. The number of book reviews and new titles published in volume 131 more than doubled and tripled, respectively, over the numbers in volume 130 (Table 3). The total number of pages published increased slightly for volume 131 over volume 130 (Table 4), with articles and notes contributing most to the page count although there was a decrease in the number of pages for articles as would be expected with six fewer articles being published (Table 2).

A number of new initiatives began with volume 131 in addition to the thematic collections. Beginning with issue 1, *The Canadian Field-Naturalist* had digital object identifiers (DOIs) automatically assigned to all published content via the Online Journal System. The DOI is a global system that provides a persistent link for digital content to a location on the internet. This system requires that all references cited within a manuscript also are identified with a DOI (providing they have one). Many older issues of *The Canadian Field-Naturalist* do not have DOIs but, to promote all previously published content in *The Canadian Field-Naturalist* available through the Biodiversity Heritage Library (BHL), the URL web address for each is added to the reference. All volumes of *The Canadian Field-Naturalist*

TABLE 2. Number of research articles and notes published in *The Canadian Field-Naturalist*, volume 131 (volume 130), by major field of study. Two thematic collections, one on alvars in Canada and the other on documenting species new to Canada, also were published in volume 131.

Subject	Articles	Notes	Total
Mammals	3 (9)	8 (10)	11 (19)
Birds	10 (4)	6 (5)	16 (9)
Amphibians and Reptiles	3 (4)	2 (0)	5 (4)
Fishes	1 (4)	2 (2)	3 (6)
Plants	3 (4)	2 (1)	5 (5)
Insects	1 (2)	0 (0)	1 (2)
Non-insect Invertebrates	2 (3)	1 (2)	3 (5)
Other	1 (0)	0 (0)	1 (0)
Total	24 (30)	21 (20)	45 (50)

TABLE 3. Number of reviews and new titles published in the Book Review section of *The Canadian Field-Naturalist*, volume 131 (volume 130), by topic.

	Reviews	New Titles
Zoology	15 (10)	155 (45)
Botany	7 (3)	43 (16)
Miscellaneous	18 (9)	111 (32)
Total	40 (22)	309 (93)

ist more than six years old are freely available through the BHL. All URLs and DOIs also are made active in the online version of each article, by inserting an embedded hyperlink taking the online reader directly to the related publication or website.

The other new initiatives recognized historic field naturalists and awarded current publications. Beginning in issue 3 and as part of Canada's 150th birthday celebration in 2017, a section was added to the News and Comments to formally recognize Canada's greatest field naturalists. The first two Greatest Canadian Field-Naturalists were James Fletcher and John Macoun. A new award for the best paper published in the current volume of *The Canadian Field-Naturalist*, the James Fletcher Award, also was established in the same issue

TABLE 1. The 2017 (2016) circulation of *The Canadian Field-Naturalist*. Compiled by Eleanor Zurbrigg from the subscription list for 131(4).

Subscriber Type	Canada	USA	Other	Total
OFNC Members	51 (58)	4 (3)	0 (1)	55 (62)
Subscriptions:				
Individual	26 (21)	7 (6)	0 (1)	33 (28)
Institutional	73 (84)	106 (116)	12 (13)	191 (213)
Total	150 (163)	117 (125)	12 (15)	279 (303)

TABLE 4. Number of pages per section published in *The Canadian Field-Naturalist*, volume 131 (130), by issue.

	Issue				Total
	1	2	3	4	
Editorials/Editors' Report	0 (0)	0 (3)	2 (0)	1 (0)	3 (3)
Articles	67 (63)	47 (73)	47 (43)	42 (59)	203 (238)
Notes	7 (18)	17 (14)	30 (14)	27 (21)	81 (67)
Thematic Collections	5 (–)	8 (–)	0 (–)	0 (–)	13 (–)
Tributes	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (18)	0 (18)
Book Reviews*	14 (8)	15 (4)	15 (9)	13 (11)	57 (32)
News and Comment†	2 (1)	1 (2)	6† (3)	12 (4)	21 (10)
Reports‡	19 (0)	0 (4)	0 (15)	0 (0)	19 (19)
Erratum	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
Index	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	9 (7)	9 (7)
Total	114 (90)	88 (100)	100 (84)	104 (120)	406 (394)

*Includes reviews and new titles.

†Includes Greatest Canadian Field-naturalists and announcement of James Fletcher Award.

‡Includes Annual Business Meeting Minutes, Annual Committee Reports, Financial Statements, and Awards.

of volume 131; all these are available at <https://doi.org/10.22621/cfn.v131i3.2071>.

Fifty-seven manuscripts were submitted to *The Canadian Field-Naturalist* in 2017, 12 fewer than in 2016; all were submitted using the Online Journal System, some after an initial email submission. Ten of the 59 were for a Special Issue, "Studies on Canadian Amphibians and Reptiles in Honour of Dr. Francis Cook", scheduled for publication in 2018; one of those submitted in 2017 for the Special Issue was withdrawn because the author had insufficient time for revision and another did not make the revision deadline for the Special Issue. Only six of the 57 submitted manuscripts were not accepted for publication upon initial submission or review and one was withdrawn meaning 89.5% were accepted or undergoing revision. In 2016, 82.6% of the 69 submissions were accepted for publication and either published or undergoing further revision and review. A total of 24 articles, 21 notes, and two thematic collections were published in 2017 (Table 2).

Dwayne Lepitzki was *Editor-in-Chief* for volume 131 while Amanda Martin, the *Assistant Editor*, edited content, proofread galleys, and sent and received author order and transfer of copyright forms. Sandra Garland and John Wilmshurst proof-read and copy-edited manuscripts. Wendy Cotie typeset galleys, provided corrections for page proofs, and created pdfs. Barry Cottam requested books for review, selected reviewers, edited submitted reviews, and prepared the new titles listings. Ken Young continued with the tasks of managing subscriptions, page charge invoices, and budget tracking although Eleanor Zurbrigg assumed the duties of managing subscriptions in the summer of 2017. William Halliday, Online Journal Manager and Webmaster, provided digital content to subscribers, posted tables of contents, abstracts, and pdfs on *The Canadian Field-Naturalist* website, and prepared the Index. Our Associate Editors managed manuscripts, provided reviews

and recommendations, and guided authors through the revision process. The Publication Committee, chaired by Jeff Saarela and consisting of Annie Bélair, Dan Brunton, Carolyn Callaghan, Paul Catling, Barry Cottam, William Halliday, Diane Kitching, Dwayne Lepitzki, Amanda Martin, Karen McLachlan Hamilton, Frank Pope, David Seburn, and Eleanor Zurbrigg effectively guided the operation of the journal. We are indebted to our very dedicated team.

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