

# The Canadian Field-Naturalist

## Editors' Report for Volume 135 (2021)

Mailing dates for the four issues in volume 135 were: 22 July 2021, 15 November 2021, 18 February 2022, and 25 May 2022; online posting dates were 23 June, 5 October, 22 January, and 29 April, respectively. In contrast, the mailing and online posting dates of the four issues in volume 134 ranged from 12 August 2020 through 5 May 2021 and 16 July 2020 through 2 April 2021, respectively. Summaries of the distribution of paid subscribers to *The Canadian Field-Naturalist* (CFN) for 2021 are shown in Table 1, and are compared to volume 134. This list does not include free copies distributed to Honorary Ottawa Field-Naturalist' Club (OFNC) members or online access, which is included in OFNC membership dues and provided to *Associate Editors* (AE). Institutional subscribers potentially represent many thousands of users. The total number of paid subscribers decreased by 12.

The number of articles published in volume 135 increased by three relative to the number published in volume 134 while the number of notes decreased by 10, resulting in seven fewer manuscripts published in 2021 ( $n = 34$ ; Table 2). Mammals and birds were the most popular subjects followed by plants (Table 2). Fewer book reviews ( $n = 6$ ) and new titles (37) were published in volume 135 in comparison to volume 134 (Table 3). Barry Cottam, our *Book Review Editor*, stepped down after 135(2) resulting in a small drop ( $n = 8$ ) in the number of pages for the book reviews and new titles beginning with issue 3 (Table 4). Amanda Martin and Bill Halliday assumed duties for the book reviews and new titles, respectively, while the search

**TABLE 1.** The 2021 (2020) circulation of *The Canadian Field-Naturalist*. Compiled by Eleanor Zurbrigg from the subscription list for 135(4). This list does not include copies distributed to Honorary Members or online access which is included in Ottawa Field-Naturalists' Club (OFNC) membership dues.

Subscriber Type	Canada	USA	Other	Total
OFNC Members	42 (47)	6 (2)	0 (0)	48 (49)
Subscriptions:				
Individual	28 (31)	9 (12)	0 (0)	37 (43)
Institutional	58 (61)	79 (82)	12 (11)	149 (154)
<b>Total</b>	<b>128 (139)</b>	<b>94 (96)</b>	<b>12 (11)</b>	<b>234 (246)</b>

for a new *Book Review Editor* continued. The total number of pages published increased by eight for volume 135 over volume 134 (Table 4) with more pages of articles ( $n = 89$ ) but fewer pages of notes (38) and tributes (37) published. Once again, there were no thematic collections (editor-selected compilations of previously published contributions in both CFN and the regional OFNC publication, *Trail & Landscape*, on a central theme with internet links to each article) nor additional articles on Great Canadian Field-Naturalists, the latter of which were included in News and Comment in volume 131.

Nearly the same number of manuscripts or enquires about potential submissions were received in 2021 ( $n = 46$ ) as in 2019 (47), but down from the 63 for 2020. Two of the three enquiries have not yet resulted in subsequent submissions with the other being declined following discussion with the assigned

**TABLE 2.** Number of research articles and notes published in *The Canadian Field-Naturalist*, volume 135 (volume 134), by major field of study.

Subject	Articles	Notes	Total
Mammals	3 (6)	6 (9)	9 (15)
Birds	9 (6)	0 (1)	9 (7)
Amphibians and reptiles	2 (1)	2 (3)	4 (4)
Fishes	1 (2)	0 (0)	1 (2)
Plants	6 (2)	0 (1)	6 (3)
Insects	2 (2)	1 (3)	3 (5)
Non-insect invertebrates	2 (3)	0 (2)	2 (5)
Other	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
<b>Total</b>	<b>25 (22)</b>	<b>9 (19)</b>	<b>34 (41)</b>

**TABLE 3.** Number of reviews and new titles published in the Book Review section of *The Canadian Field-Naturalist*, volume 135 (volume 134), by topic.

	Reviews	New Titles
Zoology	12 (13)	70 (110)
Botany	3 (2)	29 (31)
Miscellaneous	4 (10)	137 (132)
<b>Total</b>	<b>19 (25*)</b>	<b>236 (273)</b>

\*Not including six "Books in Brief".

TABLE 4. Number of pages per section published in *The Canadian Field-Naturalist*, volume 135 (134), by issue.

	Issue				Total
	1	2	3	4	
Editorials/Editors' Report	0 (0)	4 (4)	0 (0)	0 (0)	4 (4)
Articles	58 (55)	74 (44)	91 (37)	65 (63)	288 (199)
Notes	9 (15)	12 (28)	5 (28)	16 (9)	42 (80)
Thematic Collections	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
Tributes	10 (14)	0 (0)	0 (25)	0 (8)	10 (47)
Book Reviews and New Titles	20 (16)	12 (11)	9 (11)	5 (16)	46 (54)
News and Comment*	3 (2)	2 (1)	2 (1)	2 (3)	9 (7)
Reports†	16 (13)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	16 (13)
Erratum	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
Blank page‡	0 (1)	0 (0)	1 (0)	0 (0)	1 (1)
Index	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	6 (9)	6 (9)
<b>Total</b>	<b>116 (116)</b>	<b>104 (88)</b>	<b>108 (102)</b>	<b>94 (108)</b>	<b>422 (414)</b>

\*Includes the James Fletcher Award for best paper published in the volume.

†Includes Annual Business Meeting Minutes, Annual Committee Reports, and OFNC Awards; Financial Statements are only available online beginning with volume 132.

‡Necessary to begin each issue with an odd numbered page.

AE prior to it being sent for formal review. Another manuscript was not sent for formal review because it was not suitable for publication in CFN as determined upon initial examination by the *Editor-in-Chief* (EiC) while another was declined following advice from the assigned AE. One manuscript was declined after the initial round of formal review. In total, only four of the 44 manuscripts submitted in 2021 were not accepted for publication and one was subsequently withdrawn by the authors given the magnitude of required revisions. As a result, 89% of submissions were accepted or are undergoing revision and additional review. In 2020, 2019, 2018, and 2017, 80%, 85%, 83%, and 90%, respectively, of the submissions were accepted for publication and either published or underwent further revision and review.

Dwayne Lepitzki, EiC, initially reviewed the appropriateness of a submission and assigned an AE after William Halliday, *Online Journal Manager and Webmaster*, determined the completeness of the submission. Dwayne then reviewed the recommendation from the AE and reviewers and decided if and when the revised manuscript was accepted for publication. A *Copy Editor* (Sandra Garland or John Wilmshurst) was then assigned and once their work was reviewed by Dwayne and the authors, the manuscript was sent for layout and typesetting. *Assistant Editor* Amanda Martin edited content, proofread galleys (as did Dwayne), and sent and received author order and transfer of copyright forms; she also prepared the News and Comment. Robert Forsyth typeset galleys, provided corrections for page proofs, and created pdfs for online posting and printing. Barry Cottam, *Book*

*Review Editor*, requested books for review, selected reviewers, edited submitted reviews, and prepared the new titles listings until 135(3). Ken Young sent page charge invoices to authors and tracked the budget while Eleanor Zurbrigg managed subscriptions and mailed printed copies. William Halliday provided digital content to subscribers, posted tables of contents, abstracts, and pdfs on the CFN website, and prepared the Index. Our AEs managed manuscripts, provided reviews and recommendations, and guided authors through the revisions process. Dave Seburn, our *Map Editor*, reviewed and provided suggestions for all the maps. 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, Dave Seburn, Ken Young, and Eleanor Zurbrigg effectively guided the operation of the journal. Dan, Barry, and Dave all stepped down from the Publications Committee in 2021. We are indebted to our very dedicated team.

The following AEs managed, assessed, and reviewed manuscripts published in volume 135: R. Brooks, University of Guelph, emeritus, Weymouth NS (2 manuscripts published); P.M. Catling, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, retired, Ottawa ON (4 + 1 not accepted for publication); F. Chapleau, University of Ottawa, Ottawa ON (1 – stepped down as AE); J. Foote, Algoma University, Sault St. Marie ON (5 + 1); G. Forbes, University of New Brunswick, Fredericton NB (1); W. Halliday, Wildlife Conservation Society Canada, Whitehorse YT and University of Victoria,

Victoria BC (4); T. Jung, Yukon Government, Whitehorse YT (3); D. Lepitzki, Banff AB (1); G. Mowat, Government of British Columbia, Nelson BC (1); M. Obbard, Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, retired, Peterborough ON (2 – stepped down as AE); J.M. Saarela, Canadian Museum of Nature, Ottawa ON (5 + 1); J. Skevington, Agriculture and Agri-food Canada, Ottawa ON (1); and D. Tozer, Birds Canada, Port Rowan ON (4). C. Callaghan, Canadian Wildlife Federation, Ottawa ON, previous EiC, stepped down as an AE in 2021 while K. Ilves, Canadian Museum of Nature, Ottawa ON joined as an AE with expertise in fishes.

As with many other journals, AEs are at times having difficulty finding suitable reviewers; without dedicated AEs and reviewers there would be no journal. As such, a heart-felt thanks and gratitude is extended to the following who reviewed manuscripts published in volume 135 (number of manuscripts reviewed >1 in parentheses) or submitted in 2021: Peter Achuff, Canmore AB; Jason Addison, University of New Brunswick; Noel Alfonso, Canadian Museum of Nature; Max Allen, University of Illinois; Jess Alston, University of Wyoming; Michael Anderson, Ducks Unlimited; Lori Biederman, Iowa State University; Maegwin Bonar, Trent University; Rodney Brook, Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry; Rob Butler, Pacific Wildlife Foundation; Erin Cameron, St. Mary's University; James Carpenter, American Museum of Natural History; Paul Catling, Ottawa ON; Robert Clark, Canadian Wildlife Service; William Crins, Peterborough ON (2); Christopher Edge, Natural Resources Canada; Dominique Fauteux, Canadian Museum of Nature (2); Robert Forsyth, Kamloops BC; Tony Gaston, Ottawa ON; Carina Gjerdrum, Canadian Wildlife Service; Purnima Govindarajulu, BC Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy; Trevor Goward, University of British Columbia; Diana Hamilton, Mount Allison University; Leanne Heisler, Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment; Jared Hobbs, Victoria BC; Thomas Hossie, Trent University; Altaf Hussain, University of Alberta; John Klymko, Atlantic Canada Conservation Data Centre; Kristin Kovach, Biodiversity Research Institute; Claude Lavoie, Université Laval; James Lendemmer, New York Botanical Garden; Steve Lewis, US Fish and Wildlife Service; Jay Mager, Ohio Northern University; Nicholas Mandrak, University of Toronto – Scarborough; Ken Marr, Royal British Columbia Museum; Brent Matsuda, Vancouver BC; Ashley McLaren, Ontario Ministry of Natural

Resources and Forestry; Patrick Moldowan, University of Toronto (2); Keith Munro, Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters; David Nagorsen, Royal British Columbia Museum; Annegret Nicolai, Université Rennes; Erica Nol, Trent University; Mark O'Donoghue, Government of Yukon; Michael Oldham, Ontario Natural Heritage Information Centre; Laurence Packer, York University; Zoe Panchen, University of British Columbia; James Paterson, Trent University; Brent Patterson, Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry; Steven Patterson, St. Mary's University; Michael Peers, Memorial University of Newfoundland; Stéphanie Pellerin, Montreal Botanical Garden; Jodie Pongracz, Government of Yukon; John Reynolds, Kitchener ON; Gregory Robertson, Environment and Climate Change Canada; Fred Schueler, Fragile Inheritance Natural History; Cory Sheffield, Royal Saskatchewan Museum; Diana Six, University of Montana; Graham Sorenson, Birds Canada; Emily Studd, University of Alberta; Julie Thomas, Government of Yukon; Darroch Whitaker, Parks Canada; Douglas Wilcox, State University of New York; Sabrina Wilhelm, Canadian Wildlife Service; Dave Wilson, Memorial University of Newfoundland; Lydia Wong, University of Ottawa; Steve Varga, Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry.

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