

The Canadian Field-Naturalist

News and Comment

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Upcoming Meetings and Workshops

Canadian Society of Ecology & Evolution Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Canadian Society of Ecology & Evolution to be held 26–29 May 2024 at the University of British Columbia, Vancouver, British

Columbia. Registration is currently open. More information is available at <https://csee-scee2024.ca/en/>.

Society for Freshwater Science

The annual meeting of the Society for Freshwater Science to be held 2–6 June 2024 at the Sheraton Philadelphia Downtown, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The theme of the conference is: ‘Connecting to Enhance

Freshwater Science’. Registration is currently open. More information is available at <https://sfsannualmeeting.org/>.

American Society of Mammalogists Annual Meeting

The 103rd annual meeting of the American Society of Mammalogists to be held 7–11 June 2024 at the University of Colorado Boulder, Boulder, Colorado. The annual meeting will be joined by the North American

Pika Consortium. Registration is currently open. More information is available at <https://mammalmeetings.org/>.

Mycological Society of America Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Mycological Society of America to be held 9–12 June 2024 at the Hilton Toronto/Markham Suites Conference Centre & Spa, Markham, Ontario. The theme of the conference

is: ‘Expanding Networks’. Registration is currently open. More information is available at <https://msafungi.org/2024-msa-annual-meeting-expanding-networks/>.

North American Congress for Conservation Biology

The North American Congress for Conservation Biology to be held 23–28 June 2024 at the University of British Columbia Point Grey (Vancouver) campus, Vancouver, British Columbia. The theme of the

conference is: ‘Celebrating Diversity in Conservation from Summit to Sea’. Registration is currently open. More information is available at <https://scbnorthamerica.org/index.php/naccb-2024/>.

Plant Canada

The Plant Canada conference to be held 7–10 July 2024 at the RBC Convention Centre, Winnipeg, Manitoba. The theme of the conference is: ‘Plants: Adapting to a Changing World’. Registration is currently

open. More information is available at https://www.plantcanada.ca/eng/conference_plantcanada2024.html.

AFO–SCO–WOS 2024 Joint Meeting

The joint meeting of the Association of Field Ornithologists, the Society of Canadian Ornithologists, and the Wilson Ornithological Society to be held 29

July–1 August 2024 at the Peoria Civic Center, Peoria, Illinois. Registration is currently open. More information is available at <https://afoscowos2024.org/>.

In Memoriam: Ronald J. Brooks (16 April 1941—18 December 2023)

As the year 2023 ended, Canada and *The Canadian Field-Naturalist* (CFN) lost a great conservationist, a former member of the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada (COSEWIC), and a CFN Associate Editor (AE) and book reviewer, with the passing of Dr. Ron Brooks.

I first met Ron when I became an incoming member of COSEWIC in November 2008. His passionate status report presentations on amphibians and reptiles, especially on turtles, and huge presence at COSEWIC wildlife species assessment meetings was immediately noticed. I particularly remember his tendency to insert a sentence or two in status reports just to confirm COSEWIC members were indeed reading

the status reports. But, he was more than just an expert on turtles; as his last book review suggested (Brooks, R. 2023 [Book Review]. *Voles, Not Moles: a Personal Journey Connecting with Nature*: Canadian Field-Naturalist 137(1–2): 163–164. <https://doi.org/10.22621/cfn.v137i1.3329>), Ron was an expert on small mammals too. His unique way with words and straight-forwardness extended to his being an AE for CFN. I will miss his embedded comments in manuscripts, signed as “Darwin”, in admiration for Charles Darwin.

A full tribute is planned for CFN.

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