

The Canadian Field-Naturalist

Editors' Report for Volume 136 (2022)

Mailing dates for the four issues of *The Canadian Field-Naturalist* (CFN) in volume 136 were: 8 September 2022, 12 December 2022, 22 March 2023, and 17 July 2023; online posting dates are approximately four weeks before the mailing dates: 5 August, 8 November, 20 February, and 22 June, respectively. The time differential is because the print proofs need to be produced and then couriered from and back to the printer after they are checked by the *Editor-in-Chief* (EiC) before printing and then shipped to the mailer. In comparison, the mailing and online posting dates of the four issues in volume 135 ranged from 22 July 2021 to 25 May 2022 and 23 June to 29 April, respectively. Summaries of the distribution of paid subscribers to CFN for 2022 are shown in Table 1, and are compared to volume 135 for 2021. 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 those provided to *Associate Editors* (AE). Institutional subscribers potentially represent many thousands of users. There was a decline (–18) in the number of paid subscribers for 2022 compared to 2021. This decline is largely because of a net decrease (–13) in OFNC members paying for a print copy: 26 members no longer received the print copy and 13 new members started receiving the print copy.

The number of articles published in volume 136 decreased by four relative to the number published

in volume 135 while the number of notes increase by eight, resulting in four more manuscripts published in 2022 ($n = 38$) in comparison to 2021 (Table 2). Mammals and birds were the most popular subjects followed by amphibians and reptiles, then plants (Table 2). Our search for a new *Book Review Editor* after 135(2) was successful and we welcomed Jessica Sims beginning with 136(1). More book reviews (+2) and new titles (+122) were published in volume 136 in comparison to volume 135 (Table 3). The total number of pages published declined by 17 for volume 136 in comparison to volume 135 (Table 4) with fewer pages of articles (–91) but more pages of notes (+38), tributes (+10), Book Reviews/New Titles (+4), and News and Comment (+7) published. The News and Comment included a couple of in memoriams and in 136(2), two comments, one of which was several pages long about the lack of a biodiversity protection act in Canada (<https://doi.org/10.22621/cfn.v136i2.3105>). 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 Greatest Canadian Field Naturalists, the latter of which were included in News and Comment in volume 131 (for 2017).

One additional manuscript or enquiry about potential submissions ($n = 47$) was received in 2022 than

TABLE 1. The 2022 (2021) circulation of *The Canadian Field-Naturalist*. Compiled by Eleanor Zurbrigg from the subscription list for 136(4). This list does not include copies distributed to Honorary Members or online access which is included in the Ottawa Field-Naturalist' Club (OFNC) membership dues.

Subscriber type	Canada		USA		Other		Total	
OFNC Members	35	(45)*	0	(3)*	0	(0)	35	(48)
Subscriptions:								
Individual	26	(28)	12	(9)	0	(0)	38	(37)
Institutional	57	(58)	74	(79)	12	(12)	143	(149)
Total	118	(131)*	86	(91)*	12	(12)	216	(234)

*There was an error in the published table of subscribers for volume 135 for 2021 (<https://doi.org/10.22621/cfn.v136i2.3097>) with the correct numbers now being indicated above. Three OFNC members were erroneously attributed to being from the USA instead of Canada. Thus there were three not six subscribers from the USA in 2021, reducing the total number of subscribers from the USA from 94 to 91 in 2021. The corresponding numbers of Canadian OFNC member subscribers and total subscribers were increased to 45 (from 42) and 131 (from 128), respectively.

TABLE 2. Number of research articles and notes published in *The Canadian Field-Naturalist*, volume 136 (volume 135), by major field of study.

Subject	Articles	Notes	Total
Mammals	7 (3)	5 (6)	12 (9)
Birds	5 (9)	4 (0)	9 (9)
Amphibians and Reptiles	5 (2)	2 (2)	7 (4)
Fishes	0 (1)	2 (0)	2 (1)
Plants	2 (6)	3 (0)	5 (6)
Insects	0 (2)	1 (1)	1 (3)
Non-insect invertebrates	1 (2)	0 (0)	1 (2)
Other	1 (0)	0 (0)	1 (0)
Total	21 (25)	17 (9)	38 (34)

TABLE 3. Number of reviews and new titles published in the Book Review section of *The Canadian Field-Naturalist*, volume 136 (volume 135), by topic.

	Reviews	New Titles
Zoology*	11 (12)	106 (70)
Botany	2 (3)	36 (29)
Miscellaneous†	8 (4)	216 (137)
Total	21 (19)	358 (236)

*Includes Entomology, Herpetology, Ornithology, and Zoology.

†Includes Biology, Conservation and Climate Change, Ecology, and Other.

in 2021; since 2017, the number of annual submissions and enquiries has varied from 46 to 67 (Table 5). The single enquiry in 2022 did result in an informal submission in 2023 and it may eventually be published. Four of the 46 submissions were declined in 2022 meaning 91% of the submissions could eventually be published if suitably revised and then accepted for publication (Table 5).

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 submitted and subsequently 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. Jessica Sims requested books for review, selected reviewers, edited submitted reviews, and prepared the new titles listings for volume 136. 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

TABLE 4. Number of pages per section published in *The Canadian Field-Naturalist*, volume 136 (135), by issue.

	Issue				Total
	1	2	3	4	
Editorials/Editors' Report	0 (0)	3 (4)	0 (0)	0 (0)	3 (4)
Articles	22 (58)	56 (74)	54 (91)	65 (65)	197 (288)
Notes	26 (9)	21 (12)	26 (5)	7 (16)	80 (42)
Thematic Collections	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
Tributes	21 (10)	0 (0)	9 (0)	0 (0)	30 (10)
Book Reviews and New Titles	9 (20)	12 (12)	13 (9)	16 (5)	50 (46)
News and Comment*	4 (3)	7 (2)	3 (2)	2 (2)	16 (9)
Reports†	16 (16)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	16 (16)
Errata	0 (0)	0 (0)	3 (0)	0 (0)	3 (0)
Blank page‡	2 (0)	1 (0)	1 (1)	0 (0)	4 (1)
Index	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	6 (6)	6 (6)
Total	100 (116)	100 (104)	109 (108)	96 (94)	405 (422)

*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 132.

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

TABLE 5. Number of submissions and inquiries about submissions to *The Canadian Field-Naturalist* from volume 131 to 136 and percent submissions accepted and/or undergoing revision or further review. Some of the enquiries result in later formal submissions.

Year (volume)	2017 (131)	2018 (132)	2019 (133)	2020 (134)	2021 (135)	2022 (136)
Number of submissions and enquiries	57*	67†	49	63	46	47‡
% submissions not declined and undergoing revision and further review§	90%	83%	85%	80%	89%	91%

*Includes 10 for the Special Issues 132(1) and 132(2) honouring Dr. Francis Cook.

†Includes 13 for the Special Issues 132(1) and 132(2) honouring Dr. Francis Cook.

‡Includes 11 for the Special Double Issue for 2023, volume 137(1–2).

§Not all of these submissions may be revised by the authors and resubmitted or eventually accepted and published.

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, Carolyn Callaghan, Paul Catling, William Halliday, Diane Kitching, Dwayne Lepitzki, Amanda Martin, Karen McLachlan Hamilton, Ken Young, and Eleanor Zurbrigg effectively guided the operation of the journal. We are indebted to our very dedicated team.

The following AEs voluntarily managed, assessed, and reviewed manuscripts submitted in 2022 or published in volume 136: R. Brooks, University of Guelph, emeritus, Weymouth NS (2 manuscripts published); P.M. Catling, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, retired, Ottawa ON (3); F. Chapleau, University of Ottawa, Ottawa ON (1—stepped down as AE in 2021); J. Foote, Algoma University, Sault St. Marie ON (3 + 1 declined); G. Forbes, University of New Brunswick, Fredericton NB (4); W. Halliday, Wildlife Conservation Society Canada, Whitehorse YT and University of Victoria, Victoria BC (5); K. Ilves (1); T. Jung, Yukon Government, Whitehorse YT (1); D. McAlpine, New Brunswick Museum, Saint John NB (3 + 1 declined); G. Mowat, Government of British Columbia, Nelson BC (2); M. Obbard, Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, retired, Peterborough ON (2—stepped down as AE in 2022); J.M. Saarela, Canadian Museum of Nature, Ottawa ON (3); J. Skevington, Agriculture and Agri-food Canada, Ottawa ON (1); and D. Tozer, Birds Canada, Port Rowan ON (7 + 2 declined). B. Patterson, Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, Peterborough ON joined as an AE in 2022 with expertise in mammals; the first manuscript he handled was published in 2023.

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 voluntarily reviewed manuscripts published in volume 136 (number of manuscripts reviewed >1 in parentheses) or submitted in 2022: Christian Artuso, Canadian Wildlife Service; Cheryl Asa, Saint Louis Zoo; Ted Barney, Canadian Wildlife Service; James Baxter-Gilbert, Stellenbosch University; Marc Belisle, University of Sherbrooke; Andrew Bennett, Canadian National Collection of Insects, Arachnids and Nematodes; Diana Bizecki Robson, Manitoba Museum; Sean Boyd, Environment and Climate Change Canada; Catlin Bradbury, Saint Mary's University; Adrian Bradley, University of Queensland; Dan Brunton, Ottawa ON; Suzanne Carriere, Government of Northwest Territories; Kira Cassidy, United States National Park Service; Shane Conor White, British Columbia Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development; John Cooley, Loon Preservation Committee; Joe Crowley, Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry; Chris Darimont, University of Victoria; Jean-Yves Dubuisson, Sorbonne Université; Marc Dupuis-Désormeaux, York University; Mark Edwards, Royal Alberta Museum; Kristin Ellis, United States Geological Survey; Bruce Ford, University of Manitoba; Jean-Marc Gagnon, Canadian Museum of Nature; Sabrina Garcia, Alaska Department of Fish and Game; Lauren Gaudet, Saint Mary's University; Tiffany Grade, Loon Preservation Committee; David Green, McGill University; Gavin Hanke, Royal British Columbia Museum; Jim Harding, Michigan State University Museum; Howard Huynh, Carleton University; Thomas Jung, Government of Yukon; Page Klug, United States Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service's National Wildlife Research Center; Lina Lapointe, Université Laval; Karl Larsen, Thompson Rivers University (2); Randy Lauff, St. Francis Xavier University; Cori Lausen, Thompson Rivers University; Shelby Lawson, University of Illinois

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