

News and Comment

William O. Pruitt 1922-2009

Dr. William ("Bill") O. Pruitt, Jr., age 87, died 7 December 2009. Dr. Pruitt served as Associate Editor of *The Canadian Field-Naturalist* 1971-76, 1979-2010, and was actively reviewing manuscripts until a few months before the end of the later year. He had taught biology at University of Alaska in Fairbanks, Memorial University of Newfoundland, and the University of Manitoba. He was a Senior Scholar at the Department of Biological Sciences at the latter institution at the time of his death. He is survived by his wife of 58

years, Edna (Nauert), daughter, Cheryl Pruitt (Mick), and son, Charles Pruitt. Dr. Pruitt founded the Taiga Biological Station in northeastern Manitoba in 1973 to provide field training, with emphasis boreal ecology. Among many honors he received was the Canadian government's Northern Science Award Centenary Medal "for significant contribution to understanding of the North." (See 1989 *The Canadian Field-Naturalist* 103(4): 605-609 for presentation and address). A full tribute and bibliography is in preparation.

Canadian Directory of Expertise in Wildlife Health, Second edition

This 2009 publication was produced by the Canadian Cooperative Wildlife Health Centre, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. Its introduction explains that was compiled to fill a perceived need to bring together a guide to the expertise and information related to wildlife health which is scattered in Canada. Nineteen pages of

tables list authorities by discipline, by vertebrate group, and by etiologic agents (parasites, bacteria, other), and forensic identification. These are followed by a concluding 31 pages listing contact information and field(s) of interest for each of the authorities listed in the tables.

Hubert Norman MacKenzie, 1922 – 2009

Honorary Member and Past President of the Ottawa Field-Naturalists' Club died in retirement in South Surrey, Vancouver, British Columbia, 9 December 2009.

A tribute is in preparation by Dan Brunton will appear in a future issue.