

Outstanding Service from Associate Editors

One of the strengths of *The Canadian Field-Naturalist* and its predecessors tracing back to 1880 has been the participation of many long-serving volunteer reviewers, publication committee members, and associate editors. It is always with regret when one of these decides to step down.

This year we are losing formal association with two outstanding Associate Editors.

One is among the longest-serving of the Associate Editors over the publications history, Dr. Anthony (Tony) J. Erskine. Tony has served 38 years (1975–2012), nearly matching or surpassing his ornithological long-term predecessors, Earl Godfrey 41 years (1947–1975, 1990–2002) and Percy A. Taverner 32 years (1911 to 1942). Tony drew on a lifetime of field ornithology as a Research Scientist with the Canadian Wildlife Service from British Columbia to the Maritimes. For much of Tony's tenure, bird manuscript submissions were more numerous than those in any other field, and he often reviewed 25 or more manuscripts per year. He always submitted not only comprehensive and perceptive reviews with detailed suggestions for improvement or detailed of rejection, but also a separate note discussing the merits or defects for guidance of the editor. In the pre-computer era Tony's reviews

often were returned faster by Canada post than those of his younger colleagues who later had the supposed advantage of e-mail).

Due to the pressures of his current research commitments, also stepping down is Dr. Bob Anderson, M.Sc. Carleton University, Ph.D. University of Alberta, Post-Doctoral at Texas A. & M. and Research Scientist with the Canadian Museum of Nature with a special interest in weevils. Bob has served as Associate Editor for entomology since 2001. Although fewer manuscripts, two to seven a year, have been received for insects, this group is so diverse that an Associate Editor of entomology must have a good knowledge of active research in the field. Bob handily fulfilled this role, and we are indebted to him for his essential contribution.

The Canadian Field-Naturalist is indebted to Tony and Bob for their wholehearted support as associates and may occasionally still call on them for advice on future submissions.

The Canadian Field-Naturalist is grateful to the following individuals who have accepted the position of Associate Editor over the past two years: Jennifer Foote, Anthony J. Gaston, Tom Jung, Claude Renaud, Jeffery Saarela, and David Seburn.

Upcoming Meetings & Workshops

Northeast Partners in Amphibian and Reptile Conservation Meeting 2013

The 14th annual meeting of the Northeast Partners in Amphibian and Reptile Conservation (NEPARC) to be held 24–26 July 2013 at the New Jersey School of Conservation in Branchville, NJ. NEPARC is an active, diverse, and inclusive partnership dedicated to the conservation of amphibians and reptiles and their habitats throughout northeastern North America. More information is available at <http://www.northeastparc.org/meetings/index.htm>.

Botany 2013 Meeting

The annual Botany conference to be held 27–31 July 2013 at the Riverside Hilton in New Orleans, LA. This annual meeting is a multiple scientific society conference (American Bryological and Lichenological Society; American Society of Plant Taxonomists; Botanical Society of America; American Fern Society; International Association of Plant Taxonomists) serving over 6000 plant scientists whose research and practice span the globe. Registration is currently open. More information is available at <http://www.2013.botanyconference.org/>.

Ecological Society of America Meeting 2013

The 98th annual meeting of the Ecological Society of America to be held 4–9 Aug 2013 at the Minneapolis Convention Center in Minneapolis, MN. The meeting will look to the past as guidance in understanding and predicting future trends in ecosystem dynamics and services. Registration is currently open. More information is available at www.esa.org/minneapolis/index.php.

Society of Canadian Ornithologists – Société des ornithologistes du Canada Meeting 2013

The 32nd annual general meeting of the Society of Canadian Ornithologists – Société des ornithologistes du Canada to be held 12–14 Aug 2013 at the University of Manitoba in Winnipeg, MB. More information is available at <http://www.sco-soc.ca/meetings.html>.

American Ornithologists' Union/Cooper Ornithological Society Meeting 2013

The American Ornithologists' Union (131st Stated Meeting) and the Cooper Ornithological Society (83rd

Annual Meeting) joint meeting to be held 13–17 Aug 2013 at the Field Museum of Natural History in Chicago, IL. Registration is now open. More information is available at <http://fieldmuseum.org/explore/aoucos-2013/american-ornithologists%E2%80%99-unioncooper-ornithological-society-2013>.

Raptor Workshop: *Introduction to Raptor Field Techniques*

Raptor Services, LLC presents 5-day workshops to be held in Stevens Point, Wisconsin by Eugene Jacobs of the Linwood Springs Research Station. This introductory level field course is designed to instruct students in a full-range of field techniques used in the study of raptors. Receive first-hand experience working with: live raptors, capturing, handling, banding techniques, broadcast call surveys, tree climbing, rappelling, blood sampling and more. Fall Sessions: 26–30 Aug, 16–20 Sep, and 7–11 Oct 2013. Cost is \$435 and space is limited (6–8 students per workshop). More information is available at www.RaptorResearch.com.