

# News and Comment

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NOTES: Summer experience program at the NHIC — Ontario eastern habitat joint venture — GIS Project — Eastern region Nature reserve conference — NHIC data supports the assessment of species of global conservation concern in Canada — NHIC joins new biodiversity section of MNR — Publication notices — NHIC staff information.

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LAS LEIGHTON — Diet of Great Horned Owl in the Creston Valley, British Columbia, 1998-2005 (Linda M. Van Damme) — NOTES: Anti-predator behaviour by a Mule Deer to Coyotes in Vernon, British Columbia (Chris Siddle) — Attempted capture of a Red-legged Frog by an American Robin (Michael I. Preston) — Evidence of an unusual prey item in a Barred Owl pellet (Christian W. Gronau) — Northernmost nest record of the Flammulated Owl (*Otus flammeolus*) in Canada (Karen L. Wiebe) — First nesting record of Say's Phoebe (*Sayornis saya*) in the East Kootenay, British Columbia (Robert S. Ferguson and Mark Dascher) — Current status of the Black-throated Blue Warbler in British Columbia (Gary S. Davidson) — Field observations of Gray Flycatchers breeding at Summerland, British Columbia, 1988-2005 (I. Laurie Rockwell) — American Crow predation in an Eared Grebe nesting colony at Rawlins Lake, British Columbia (Chris Siddle)

— SPECIES OF REGIONAL SIGNIFICANCE: Canvasback — Fort St. John (Chris Siddle) — Bobolink — Nakusp to Edgewood (Gary S. Davidson) — WILDLIFE DATA CENTRE: Featured species — Turkey Vulture (R. Wayne Campbell, Michael I. Preston, Linda M. Van Damme, and Diann MacRae) — BRITISH COLUMBIA ROUND-UP: Field notes and caring people — News of Friends — From the archives — Final flight — Publications of interest [Compiled and edited by Chris Siddle] — Announcements and meetings.

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### Errata *The Canadian Field-Naturalist* 119(3)

Catling, Paul M. 2005 [2006]. Additions to the flora of the continental Northwest Territories from the Great Slave area. *Canadian Field-Naturalist* 119(3): 437-440.  
(page 438) *Actaea rubra* f. *neglecta*: This form had previously been reported by Cody 1961. *Canadian Field-Naturalist* 75(2): 62 from Fort Simpson. Michael Oldham (Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources) reports confirming its presence there in August 2007.

(page 449) *Sonchus arvensis* subspecies *uliginosus*: Thiert reported this in 1963 *Sida* 1(3): 169 as *S. arvensis* var. *glabrescens* from the Yellowknife Highway (Hwy 3). My appreciation to Michael Oldham for bringing these to my attention.

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