

The Canadian Field-Naturalist

Editors' Report for Volume 133 (2019)

Several changes to the look of *The Canadian Field-Naturalist* began with volume 133. Coloured text was added to the front cover as was the by-line "Promoting the study and conservation of northern biodiversity since 1880" which used to appear on the first page of each volume. The official symbol of the Ottawa Field-Naturalists' Club (OFNC) also was added to the front cover as was a banner to the first page of each manuscript and journal section. Subtle typographic changes adjusted spacing between letters, words, sections, and in tables. All the major changes were vetted and approved by the OFNC Publications Committee and were made possible by Robert Forsyth joining the production team as the graphic designer responsible for layout. We did however bid good-bye to our long-standing layout typographer, Wendy Cotie, who provided many years of service, initially starting at Gilmore Printers with volume 117, issue 2, in 2003.

Mailing dates for the four issues in volume 133 were: 15 October 2019, 5 December 2019, 24 March 2020, and 9 June 2020; online posting dates were 21 September, 18 November, 29 February, and 9 May, respectively. Summaries of the distribution of paid subscribers to *The Canadian Field-Naturalist* for 2019 are shown in Table 1, and are compared to volume 132. This list does not include free copies distributed to Honorary OFNC members or online access, which is included in OFNC membership dues. Institutional subscribers potentially represent many thousands of users. The total number of paid subscribers decreased by one.

The number of articles published in volume 133 decreased by three relative to the number published in volume 132 while the number of notes increased

by three, resulting in the same number of manuscripts published both years ($n = 45$; Table 2). Not surprisingly, there were 20 fewer manuscripts published on amphibians and reptiles in 133, given the first two issues of 132 were Special Issues: Studies on Canadian Amphibians and Reptiles in Honour of Dr. Francis Cook. The single manuscript in the "other" category (Table 2) was on lichens. The number of book reviews and new titles published in volume 133 were slightly down and up, respectively, over the numbers in volume 132 (Table 3). The total number of pages published decreased by 35 for volume 133 over volume 132 (Table 4) with articles contributing less to both the page count (59% in 133 versus 69% in volume 132) and number of manuscripts published (69% versus 76%, respectively; Table 2). There were no Thematic Collections (editor-selected compilations of previously published contributions in both *The Canadian Field-Naturalist* 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. There was one Tribute, for Rudolph (Rudy) Frank Stoeck.

Only 47 manuscripts were submitted to *The Canadian Field-Naturalist* in 2019, down from the 65 in 2018, which was eight more than submitted in 2017. One was not assigned to an *Associate Editor* because it was not suitable for publication in *The Canadian Field-Naturalist* and was the only manuscript submitted not using the Online Journal System. Only three of the 47 submitted manuscripts were not accepted for publication upon initial submission or review or were

TABLE 1. The 2019 (2018) circulation of *The Canadian Field-Naturalist*. Compiled by Eleanor Zurbrigg from the subscription list for 133(4). This list does not include copies distributed to Honorary Members or online access which is included in OFNC membership dues.

Subscriber Type	Canada	USA	Other	Total
OFNC Members	39 (43)	2 (1)	(0)	41 (44)
Subscriptions:				
Individual	29 (26)	9 (7)	0 (0)	38 (33)
Institutional	66 (66)	88 (90)	11 (12)	165 (168)
Total	134 (135)	99 (98)	11 (12)	244 (245)

TABLE 2. Number of research articles and notes published in *The Canadian Field-Naturalist*, volume 133 (volume 132), by major field of study.

Subject	Articles	Notes	Total
Mammals	9 (3)	5 (0)	14 (3)
Birds	7 (3)	2 (2)	9 (5)
Amphibians and Reptiles	3 (19)	2 (6)	5 (25)
Fishes	3 (0)	0 (1)	3 (1)
Plants	4 (4)	1 (1)	5 (5)
Insects	0 (1)	1 (0)	1 (1)
Non-insect invertebrates	4 (1)	3 (1)	7 (2)
Other	1 (3)	0 (0)	1 (3)
Total	31 (34)	14 (11)	45 (45)

TABLE 3. Number of reviews and new titles published in the Book Review section of *The Canadian Field-Naturalist*, volume 133 (volume 132), by topic.

	Reviews	New Titles
Zoology	20 (26)	138 (148)
Botany	5 (7)	24 (24)
Miscellaneous	12 (9)	153 (122)
Total	37 (42)	315 (294)

insufficiently revised to warrant publication. One was declined but a suitable revision resubmitted; another two were withdrawn by the authors, one of which underwent an initial review and suggestion for revision by an *Associate Editor*. The remainder, 85% ($n = 40$), were accepted or are undergoing revision and review.

In 2018 and 2017, 83 % and 90%, respectively, of the submissions were accepted for publication and either published or underwent further revision and review.

Dwayne Lepitzki, *Editor-in-Chief*, initially reviewed the appropriateness of a submission and assigned an *Associate Editor* (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 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. Amanda Martin, the *Assistant Editor*, 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. Barry Cottam, *Book Review Editor*, requested books for review, selected reviewers, edited submitted reviews, and prepared the new titles listings. Ken Young sent page charge invoices to authors and tracked the budget while Eleanor Zurbrigg managing subscriptions and mailed printed copies. William Halliday provided digital content to subscribers, posted tables of contents, abstracts, and pdfs on *The Canadian Field-Naturalist* website, and prepared the Index. Our *Associate Editors* managed manuscripts, provided reviews and recommendations, and guided authors through the revisions process. Dave

TABLE 4. Number of pages per section published in *The Canadian Field-Naturalist*, volume 133 (132), by issue.

	Issue				Total
	1	2	3	4	
Editorials/Editors' Report	0 (3)*	0 (4)*	3 (3)	0 (0)	3 (10)
Articles	54 (51)	47 (86)	71 (74)	69 (94)	241 (305)
Notes	11 (12)	24 (2)	10 (11)	11 (12)	56 (37)
Thematic Collections	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
Tributes	0 (0)	0 (0)	6 (0)	0 (0)	6 (0)
Book Reviews and New Titles	18 (18)	15 (18)	18 (18)	17 (8)	68 (62)
News and Comment†	4 (2)	2 (2)	4 (2)	1 (2)	11 (8)
Reports‡	12 (12)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	12 (12)
Erratum	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
Blank page§	1 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (0)
Index	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	9 (8)	9 (8)
Total	100 (98)	88 (112)	112 (108)	107 (124)	407 (442)

*Includes introductions to Special Issue Parts I and II in volume 132.

†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.

Seburn, our *Map Editor*, reviewed and provided suggestions for all the maps. The Publication Committee, chaired by Jeff Saarela and consisting of Annie Bélair, Dan Brunton, Carolyn Callaghan, Paul Catling, Barry Cottam, William Halliday, Diane Kitching, Dwayne Lepitzki, Amanda Martin, Karen McLachlan Hamilton, Dave Seburn, Ken Young, and Eleanor Zurbrigg effectively guided the operation of the journal. We are indebted to our very dedicated team.

The following *Associate Editors* managed, assessed, and reviewed manuscripts published in volume 133: C. Callaghan, Canadian Wildlife Federation, Ottawa ON (2 manuscripts); P.M. Catling, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, retired, Ottawa ON (6); F. Chapleau, University of Ottawa, Ottawa ON (3); J. Foote, Algoma University, Sault St. Marie ON (8); G. Forbes, University of New Brunswick, Fredericton NB (4); W. Halliday, Wildlife Conservation Society Canada, Whitehorse YT and University of Victoria, Victoria BC (7); T. Jung, Yukon Government, Whitehorse YT (1); D. Lepitzki, Banff AB (2); D.F. McAlpine, New Brunswick Museum, Saint John NB (4); G. Mowat, Government of British Columbia, Nelson BC (4); M. Obbard, Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, retired, Peterborough ON (1); J.M. Saarela, Canadian Museum of Nature, Ottawa ON (2); J. Skevington, Agriculture and Agri-food Canada, Ottawa ON (1).

As with many other journals, *Associate Editors* are at times having difficulty finding suitable reviewers; without dedicated *Associate Editors* and reviewers there would be no journal. As such, a heart-felt thanks and gratitude is extended to the following who reviewed manuscripts published in volume 133 (number of manuscripts reviewed >1 in parentheses): John Acorn, University of Alberta; Noel Alfonso, Canadian Museum of Nature; Jesse Alston, University of Wyoming; Shannon Barber-Meyer, US Geological Survey; Brian Barnes, University of Alaska; René Belland, University of Alberta; David Benson, Marian University; John Benson, University of Nebraska; Jeff Bowman, Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry; Diane Boyd, Montana Department of Fish & Wildlife; Sean Boyle, Laurentian University; Susan Carbyn, Agriculture and Agri-food Canada; Jonathan Choquette, Wildlife Preservation Canada; Dean Cluff, Government of Northwest Territories; Jeff Copeland, The Wolverine Foundation; Greg Corace, Seney National Wildlife Refuge; Garret Crow, Calvin College; Rob Dillon, Freshwater Gastropods of North America; Jennifer Doubt, Canadian Museum of Nature; Amanda Edworthy, Washington State University; Bruce Ford, University of Manitoba; Robert Forsyth, Kamloops BC; Doug Heard, University of Northern British Columbia; Katie Gale, Fisheries and Oceans

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