

The Canadian Field-Naturalist

Editors' Report for Volume 134 (2020)

Mailing dates for the four issues in volume 134 were: 12 August 2020, 16 October 2020, 21 January 2021, and 5 May 2021; online posting dates were 16 July, 21 September, 28 December, and 2 April, respectively. In contrast, the mailing and online posting dates of the four issues in volume 133 ranged from 15 October 2019 through 19 June 2020 and 21 September 2019 through 9 May 2020. Summaries of the distribution of paid subscribers to *The Canadian Field-Naturalist* for 2020 are shown in Table 1, and are compared to volume 133. This list does not include free copies distributed to Honorary Ottawa Field-Naturalists' Club (OFNC) members or online access, which is included in OFNC membership dues and provided to *Associate Editors*. Institutional subscribers potentially represent many thousands of users. The total number of paid subscribers increased by two.

The number of articles published in volume 134 decreased by nine relative to the number published in volume 133 while the number of notes increased by five, resulting in four fewer manuscripts published in 2020 ($n = 41$; Table 2). Mammals followed by birds were the most popular subjects although there were more manuscripts published on insects and non-insect invertebrates combined than birds (Table 2). Fewer book reviews ($n = 12$) and new titles (42) were published in volume 134 in comparison to volume 133 (Table 3); a new "Books in Brief" type of book review was initiated in volume 134. The total number of pages published increased by seven for volume 134 over volume 133 (Table 4) with fewer pages of articles ($n = 42$) and book reviews and new titles (14) but more pages of notes (24) being published. The largest difference was between the number of pages

TABLE 2. Number of research articles and notes published in *The Canadian Field-Naturalist*, volume 134 (volume 133), by major field of study.

Subject	Articles	Notes	Total
Mammals	6 (9)	9 (5)	15 (14)
Birds	6 (7)	1 (2)	7 (9)
Amphibians and reptiles	1 (3)	3 (2)	4 (5)
Fishes	2 (3)	0 (0)	2 (3)
Plants	2 (4)	1 (1)	3 (5)
Insects	2 (0)	3 (1)	5 (1)
Non-insect invertebrates	3 (4)	2 (3)	5 (7)
Other	0 (1)	0 (0)	0 (1)
Total	22 (31)	19 (14)	41 (45)

TABLE 3. Number of reviews and new titles published in the Book Review section of *The Canadian Field-Naturalist*, volume 134 (volume 133), by topic.

	Reviews	New Titles
Zoology	13 (20)	110 (138)
Botany	2 (5)	31 (24)
Miscellaneous	10 (12)	132 (153)
Total	25* (37)	273 (315)

*Not including six "Books in Brief".

dedicated to tributes (47 pages in 2020 with tributes to Francis Cook [issue 1], R. Yorke Edwards [3], and Paul-Michael Edwards [4] versus six pages in 2019 with the single tribute to Rudolph (Rudy) Frank Stoccek [3]; Table 4); we believe it continues to be important to recognize those who have contributed to the study and communication of Canada's natural history

TABLE 1. The 2020 (2019) circulation of *The Canadian Field-Naturalist*. Compiled by Eleanor Zurbrigg from the subscription list for 134(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	47 (39)	2 (2)	0 (0)	49 (41)
Subscriptions:				
Individual	31 (29)	12 (9)	0 (0)	43 (38)
Institutional	61 (66)	82 (88)	11 (11)	154 (165)
Total	139 (134)	96 (99)	11 (11)	246 (244)

TABLE 4. Number of pages per section published in *The Canadian Field-Naturalist*, volume 134 (133), by issue.

	Issue				Total
	1	2	3	4	
Editorials/Editors' Report	0 (0)	4 (0)	0 (3)	0 (0)	4 (3)
Articles	55 (54)	44 (47)	37 (71)	63 (69)	199 (241)
Notes	15 (11)	28 (24)	28 (10)	9 (11)	80 (56)
Thematic Collections	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
Tributes	14 (0)	0 (0)	25 (6)	8 (0)	47 (6)
Book Reviews and New Titles	16 (18)	11 (15)	11 (18)	16 (17)	54 (68)
News and Comment*	2 (4)	1 (2)	1 (4)	3 (1)	7 (11)
Reports†	13 (12)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	13 (12)
Erratum	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
Blank page‡	1 (1)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (1)
Index	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	9 (9)	9 (9)
Total	116 (100)	88 (88)	102 (112)	108 (107)	414 (407)

*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.

but regret that such recognition often comes after their death. Once again, 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 Great Canadian Field-Naturalists, the latter of which were included in News and Comment in volume 131.

Sixteen more manuscripts or enquires about potential submissions were received in 2020 ($n = 63$) than in 2019 (47). Two of the four enquiries resulted in a subsequent submission in 2021 with the other two not being suitable topics for *The Canadian Field-Naturalist*. Similarly, three submitted manuscripts were not sent for formal review because they were not suitable for publication in *The Canadian Field-Naturalist* as determined upon initial examination by the *Editor-in-Chief* and/or *Associate Editors*. Seven were not accepted for publication after a formal review by the assigned *Associate Editor* and/or reviewers. Forty-nine of 61 submissions or enquiries (80%) were accepted or are undergoing revision and review. In 2019, 2018, and 2017, 85%, 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. *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. 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 managed 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 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 134: R. Brooks, University of Guelph, emeritus, Weymouth NS (2 manuscripts published + 1 not accepted for publication); C. Callaghan, Canadian Wildlife Federation, Ottawa ON (1); P.M. Catling, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, retired, Ottawa ON (6 + 2); F. Chapleau, University of Ottawa, Ottawa ON (2 + 1); J. Foote, Algoma University, Sault St. Marie ON (3); G. Forbes, University of New Brunswick, Fredericton NB (2 + 1); W. Halliday, Wildlife Conservation Society Canada, Whitehorse YT and University of Victoria, Victoria BC (7); T. Jung, Yukon Government, Whitehorse YT (4 + 1); D. Lepitzki, Banff AB (1); D.F. McAlpine, New Brunswick Museum, Saint John NB (5); G. Mowat, Government of British Columbia, Nelson BC (3); M. Obbard, Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, retired, Peterborough ON (2); J.M. Saarela, Canadian Museum of Nature, Ottawa ON (1); and J. Skevington, Agriculture and Agri-food Canada, Ottawa ON (2). D. Tozer, Birds Canada, Port Rowan ON (4 expected to be published in 2021 + 1), joined the team in July 2020 as an *Associate Editor* with expertise in birds. As an additional way of recognizing the hard and dedicated work of an *Associate Editor*, their name was added after the received and accepted dates to the manuscripts they handled beginning with 134(2).

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 134 (number of manuscripts reviewed >1 in parentheses) or submitted in 2020: Jesse Alston, University of Wyoming; Robert Anderson, Canadian Museum of Nature; Lynne Barre, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; Shannon Barber-Meyer, US Geological Survey; Patrice Bouchard, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada; Jeff Bowman, Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry; Ryan Brook, University of Saskatchewan; Joseph Carney, Lakehead University; Pauline Catling, North-South Environmental Inc.; Emily Choy, McGill University; Dean Cluff, Government of Northwest Territories; Stephanie Coates, Boise State University; Hilary Cooke, Wildlife Conservation Society; Rosemary Curley, Stratford PE; Jim Devries, Ducks Unlimited Canada; Tony Diamond, University of New Brunswick; Colin Donihue, Washington University, St. Louis; Christopher Edge, Canadian Forest Service; Mae Elsinger, Agriculture and Agri-food Canada; Marian Fils, University of Life Sciences in Lublin; Graham Forbes, University of New Brunswick; Bruce Ford,

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