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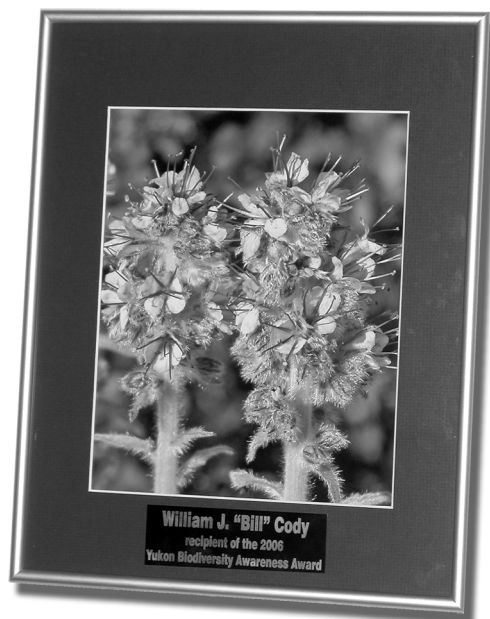
Herpetological Survey 2006 Atlas of Amphibians and Reptiles of Quebec

Instructions for participants in the 19th herpetological survey for the Quebec Atlas of amphibians and reptiles, coordinated by the St. Lawrence Natural History Society in collaboration with the Ministère des Ressources naturelles de la Faune du Québec. This provincial inventory is done every year with the important cooperation of volunteers. Observation cards to fill out and details of information needed can be obtained from David Rodrigue, Director, Research and Con-

servation, Program Coordinator, or Mathieu Oulette, Research and conservation, St. Lawrence Valley Natural History Society, Ecomuseum, 21 125 chemin Saint-Marie, Saint-Anne-de-Bellevue, Quebec H9X 3Y7; phone 514-457-9449, extension 105; fax 514-457-0769; e-mail: info@herpetofaune.org. Current information on The Atlas of Amphibians and Reptiles of Quebec is now available online at the St. Lawrence Natural History Society website: www.herpetofaune.org.

Bill Cody Receives Yukon Biodiversity Awareness Award

From 1946 to 1987 Bill (W.J.) Cody was employed with Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada as plant taxonomist and curator of Canada's largest collection of plants. From 1988 to 2006 he has continued to come in to work every day as an Honorary Research Associate and he has made a series of remarkable contributions to our knowledge of the plants of northwestern North America. His 643 page textbook on the Flora of the Yukon was published in 1996. It included current information on status, distribution, ecology, classification and identification. In 1997 this outstanding work was recognized with the prestigious Lawson Medal awarded by the Canadian Botanical Association. An updated second edition of the book was published by the National Research Council in 2000. Since his retirement Bill has published 14 articles on the flora of the Yukon in scientific journals. He has provided an enormous amount of information on plants to the agricultural sector, natural resources staff, wildlife biologists, native people and landscape planners. Always willing to help, he has identified a thousand plants from the Yukon every year. It is therefore not a surprise that Bill has been recognized for his outstanding service with the Yukon Biodiversity Awareness Award. The award honours those who have made major contributions to educating people about biodiversity and its importance.



Bill started as an assistant with the Canada Department of Agriculture in Ottawa. Twenty-one years later in 1967 he was made a Research Scientist. This classification was generally reserved for people who had a Ph.D., but Bill's outstanding accomplishments at that time were judged by his colleagues and the science arm of the federal civil service to warrant treatment at the Ph.D. level. The awards that Bill has received since then are numerous, but one in particular draws attention his broad contribution. In November 2002 he received a Queen's Golden Jubilee Commemorative Medal. These medals were awarded to a limited number of people who have made a significant contribution to Canada, in this case "especially for his work on *The Canadian Field-Naturalist*, Canada's foremost scientific journal for field biology." Bill has served as the business manager, article and book review contributor, and manuscript reviewer for this journal for 60 years, and his influence on its development, support, improvement and content is beyond question.

Bill also served as curator of the largest dried plant collection in Canada from 1959 to 1988 and was largely responsible for its development. This collection of now over 1 million specimens has become a major tool of Agriculture and Agri-food Canada for plant identification. This collection provides a wealth of informa-

tion that is needed to implement Agriculture and Agri-food Canada's Biodiversity Strategy and to respond to the International Convention on Biodiversity. It is particularly valued as a tool for improved plant classification studies used by researchers in other institutions both in Canada and worldwide. It is also important in protecting Canada's borders and enforcing federal regulations. Many thousands of specimens that Bill collected in the northern wilderness under extreme and dangerous conditions are part of this collection and serve as vouchers for his numerous publications and books.

Bill was born in Hamilton on 2 December 1922. His father was a doctor and his mother a nurse at Hamilton General. He grew up in Hamilton and received his B.A. from McMaster University in 1946.

The Yukon Biodiversity Awareness Award plaque that Bill received included a photo of one of Yukon's rarest plants, McBride's Phacelia (*Phacelia mollis*) which is a Beringian endemic (confined to the unglaciated area of Alaska and Yukon).

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Errata *The Canadian Field-Naturalist* 120(1)

Book Review. Lapland a Natural History, pages 123-124: replace "Redcliff" and Redcliffe" with Ratcliffe, throughout.

Articles.

Diversity and range of amphibians and reptiles of the Yukon Territory. Brian G. Slough and R. Lee Menell in Literature Cited page 91 "Matsurla" should read Matsuda.

Recent Declines of House Sparrows, *Passer domesticus*, in Canada's Maritime Provinces. Anthony J. Erskine. Page 48 insert following Dunn et al.

Erskine, A. J. 1980. A House Sparrow die-off. Nova Scotia Bird Society Newsletter 22: 183-184. For reference following Erskine 1992b insert **Erskine** before initials.