

# The Canadian Field-Naturalist

## News and Comment

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### Upcoming Meetings and Workshops

#### **Mycological Society of America Annual Meeting**

The annual meeting of the Mycological Society of America to be held 10–14 July 2022 as a hybrid event, with online content and an in-person meeting at the Hilton University of Florida Conference Center Gainesville, Gainesville, Florida. The theme

of the conference is: 'Mycology in the Swamp'. Registration is currently open. More information is available at <https://msafungi.org/2022-msa-annual-meeting-mycology-in-the-swamp/>.

#### **ICUW 2022: International Conference on Urban Wildlife**

The International Conference on Urban Wildlife to be held as an online meeting 12–13 July 2022. Registration is currently open. More information is available at

<https://waset.org/urban-wildlife-conference-in-july-2022-in-ottawa>.

#### **Mothapalooza 2022**

Mothapalooza 2022 to be held 15–17 July 2022 at the Highlands Nature Sanctuary, Arc of Appalachia Preserve System, Bainbridge, Ohio. More informa-

tion is available at <https://arcofappalachia.org/mothapalooza/>.

#### **North American Congress for Conservation Biology**

The North American Congress for Conservation Biology to be held 16–21 July 2022 as a hybrid event, with online content and an in-person meeting at the Silver Legacy, Reno, Nevada. The theme of the

conference is: 'Restoring Connections and Building Resilience in a Changed World'. Registration is currently open. More information is available at <https://scbnorthamerica.org/index.php/naccb-2022/>.

#### **Wilson Ornithological Society Annual Meeting**

The 103rd annual meeting of the Wilson Ornithological Society to be held 17–20 July 2022 at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, Santa Fe, New Mexico. Registration is currently open. More information is

available at <https://wos2022.org/>. The Wilson Ornithological Society will also be holding an online, post-meeting event on 25 July 2022. See <https://wos2022.org/post-meeting-virtual-event/> for details.

#### **Acadian Entomological Society Annual Meeting**

The 79th annual meeting of the Acadian Entomological Society to be held 22 July 2022 as a hybrid event, with online content and an in-person meeting at the Dalhousie University Agricultural Campus,

Truro, Nova Scotia. The theme of the conference is: 'Tentatively out of Torpor'. Registration is currently open. More information is available at <https://www.acadianes.ca/>.

#### **Botany 2022**

Botany 2022 to be held 24–27 July 2022 as a hybrid event, with online content and an in-person meeting at the Dena'ina Center, Anchorage, Alaska. The theme

of the conference is: 'Plants at the Extreme!' Registration is currently open. More information is available at <https://2022.botanyconference.org/>.

## Conservation and Biology of Tortoises and Freshwater Turtles Annual Symposium

The 20th annual symposium on the Conservation and Biology of Tortoises and Freshwater Turtles, hosted by the Turtle Survival Alliance and IUCN/SSC Tortoise and Freshwater Turtle Specialist Group, to be held 7–11 August 2022 as a hybrid event, with online

content and an in-person meeting at the Loews Ventana Canyon Resort, Tucson, Arizona. Registration is currently open. More information is available at <https://turtlesurvival.org/2022symposium/>.

## Northeast Partners in Amphibian and Reptile Conservation Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Northeast Partners in Amphibian and Reptile Conservation to be held 10–12 August 2022 at the Canaan Valley Resort &

Conference Center, West Virginia. Registration is currently open. More information is available at <http://northeastparc.org/next-meeting-info/>.

## ESACSEE 2022

The joint meeting of the Ecological Society of America Meeting (ESA) and Canadian Society for Ecology and Evolution (CSEE) to be held 14–19 August 2022 as a hybrid event, with online content and an in-person meeting at the Palais des congrès de Montréal,

Montréal, Quebec. The theme of the conference is: ‘A Change is Gonna Come’. Registration is currently open. More information is available at <https://www.esa.org/montreal2022/>.

## American Fisheries Society

The 152nd annual meeting of the American Fisheries Society (AFS), hosted by the American Fisheries Society, President Leanne Roulson, the AFS Western Division, and the Washington – British Columbia Chapter, to be held 21–25 August 2022 as a hybrid event, with online content and an in-person meeting at

the Spokane Convention Center, Spokane, Washington. The theme of the conference is: ‘What Do Fish Mean to Us?’ Registration is currently open. More information is available at <https://afsannualmeeting.fisheries.org/>.

## James Fletcher Award for *The Canadian Field-Naturalist* Volume 135

The James Fletcher Award is awarded to the authors of the “best” paper published in a volume of *The Canadian Field-Naturalist* (CFN). The award is in its sixth year. The award honours James Fletcher, founder of the Ottawa Field-Naturalists’ Club (OFNC) and the first editor of CFN’s earliest iteration, *Transactions of the Ottawa Field-Naturalists’ Club*. The editorial team of CFN sifted through all papers in Volume 135 of CFN and came up with a list of the top four papers. From these top four, the committee selected the top paper. The award for Volume 135 of CFN goes to:

**Emma S. Lehmborg, Graydon McKee, and Michael D. Rennie.** Hiding in plain sight: combining field-naturalist observations and herbarium records to reveal phenological change. *Canadian Field-Naturalist* 135(4): 361–376. <https://doi.org/10.22621/cfn.v135i4.2567>

- A study combining 80 years of voucher specimens and local natural history observations to find some surprising results about the effects of climate change on flowering times near Thunder Bay, Ontario.

Congratulations to Emma Lehmborg and co-authors for their excellent paper.

*Honourable Mentions (in chronological order):*

**Irwin M. Brodo, Robert E. Lee, Colin Freebury, Pak Yau Wong, Christopher J. Lewis, and R. Troy McMullin.** Additions to the lichens, allied fungi, and lichenicolous fungi of the Ottawa region in Ontario and Quebec, with reflections on a changing biota. *Canadian Field-Naturalist* 135(1): 1–27. <https://doi.org/10.22621/cfn.v135i1.2557>

- An update to the inventory of lichens, allied fungi, and their parasites in the Ottawa region, increasing the number of known species from 391 (in 1988) to 543 (current) through the review of voucher specimens at the Canadian Museum of Nature collected by the authors and others.

**Hugo Reis Medeiros, John E. Maunder, Sean Haughian, and Karen A. Harper.** Abundance and arboreal tendencies of slugs in forested wetlands of southwestern Nova Scotia, Canada. *Canadian Field-*

Naturalist 135(3): 305–316. <https://doi.org/10.22621/cfn.v135i3.2677>

- Use of a novel technique (pitfall traps in trees) to document abundance and arboreal tendencies of native and non-native slugs, a potential threat to native slugs and at-risk lichens in Nova Scotia.

**Courtney C. Irvine and Lucy D. Patterson.** Status and declining trend of Sparrow’s-egg Lady’s-slipper (*Cypripedium passerinum*) orchids in Pukaskwa National Park, Ontario, Canada. *Canadian Field-Naturalist* 135(4): 387–395. <https://doi.org/10.22621/cfn.v135i4.2723>

- Long-term monitoring (1979–2019) of a disjunct population of Sparrow’s-egg Lady’s-

slipper (*Cypripedium passerinum*) orchids in Pukaskwa National Park, Ontario reveals a decline in number of colonies and lack of recruitment due to changing habitat conditions caused by natural and anthropogenic factors, suggesting an increased risk of extirpation.

Congratulations to these finalists. We would also like to show our appreciation to all authors who chose to share their interesting and valuable field-based studies with the readers of Volume 135 of *The Canadian Field-Naturalist*.

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and DWAYNE A.W. LEPLITZKI  
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## In Memoriam: Theresa (Aniskowicz) Fowler (27 March 1948–13 May 2022)

Canada recently lost another champion of biodiversity and former member of COSEWIC (Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada; see also Lepitzki 2021), when Theresa (Aniskowicz) Fowler (Figure 1) passed away after a lengthy battle with cancer at Shawville, Quebec. She first attended COSEWIC meetings in the 1990s, as the conservation director for the Canadian Nature Federation (now Nature Canada), when that non-government organization along with World Wildlife Fund Canada and the Canadian Wildlife Federation were COSEWIC members. Soon after she started working at the Canadian Wildlife Service (CWS), she continued her association and became a CWS member of COSEWIC. In 1994, the mandate of COSEWIC expanded to include lichens, mosses, and invertebrates, the latter with the formation of the Lepidoptera and Mollusca Working Group (COSEWIC 2021), which she helped establish and chair, eventually sharing the chairing duties with Dr. Gerry Mackie (University of Guelph). D.A.W.L. first ‘met’ Theresa when she was responsible for shepherding the 1997 Status Report on Banff Springs Snail (*Physella johnsoni*) through the status assessment process. In 2000, the invertebrate working group split into the Mollusca and Lepidoptera Specialist Subcommittees (SC), which later evolved into the current Arthropods SC. For a while she also co-chaired the Arthropods SC with Dr. Paul Catling (Honorary OFNC member and Associate Editor of *The Canadian Field Naturalist* [CFN]). There has always been a close association between CFN and COSEWIC (Lepitzki 2017).

Theresa was knowledgeable, thorough, and passionate about her work; it was evident when she spoke



**FIGURE 1.** Theresa Fowler at the spring 2008 COSEWIC wildlife species assessment meeting, Yellowknife, Northwest Territories. Photo: Erich Haber (former Vascular Plants SC Co-chair).

during species assessment meetings that every report she reviewed was subjected to a high level of scrutiny. The stack of binders containing the printed status reports was a trade mark.

Of course that wasn’t all she did as she gave a considerable amount of advice to senior management, managed staff, and wrote many government docu-

ments related to various wildlife issues and mentored many individuals, including one who became her successor on COSEWIC following her retirement.

In her personal life, Theresa was a gifted photographer, amazing gardener, sang in a choir, and spearheaded a local committee which advocated successfully against a project deemed to have a negative environmental impact on the region where she lived.

She had dogs and cats over the years and also took in orphaned baby skunks, raccoons, chipmunks, squirrels, an injured butterfly, and more recently, an injured owl.

Theresa will be remembered by many for her contribution to the conservation of biodiversity in Canada but also because she was a genuine, good person, respected, and well-liked by those who knew her.

Her obituary can be found at <https://ottawacitizen.remembering.ca/obituary/theresa-fowler-1085186992>.

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