

## News and Comment

### Bill Cody Receives Honorary Doctorate of Science from McMaster University, June 5, 2007

William James (Bill) Cody was born in Hamilton, Ontario in 1922. He grew up in Hamilton during the Depression. During summers, he worked on his uncle Bruce's fruit farm near St. David's in the Niagara Peninsula. He always enjoyed the outdoors, but it was with the help of McMaster University's Professor Lulu Gaiser that his love for plants grew. Bill received his bachelor's degree from McMaster University in 1946.

That same year, Bill joined the Canada Department of Agriculture at the Central Experimental Farm, in Ottawa, as Junior Agricultural Assistant. He was subsequently promoted to Senior Agricultural Assistant, Technical Officer and then Research Assistant. His enthusiasm for the outdoors led him to travel extensively during the summer months across nine provinces and two territories. During these excursions, he collected over 35,000 plant specimens. He has published over 343 articles, including books, scientific papers, and popular articles. He is Canada's leading expert on the flora of the Yukon and is an Honorary Research Associate with Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada.

Bill was appointed Curator of the Vascular Plant Herbarium in 1959. He held this position for 28 years. Under his supervision it became the largest vascular plant herbarium in Canada with more than one million specimens, including the thousands collected by him personally. The herbarium provides a basis for research and identification of economically important plants in Canada.

Officially retiring in 1987, after 41 years of service, Bill continues to go to the office. His expertise in identifying specimens and his knowledge is sought after by the younger generation of botanists. He remains an internationally recognized

authority in Canada and continues to contribute to the development of the collection.

He joined the Ottawa Field-Naturalist's Club when he arrived in Ottawa in 1946. The position of Business Manager of a scientific journal, *The Canadian Field-Naturalist* was his for over 50 years. His duties included managing finances, monitoring stock, billing for reprints and public relations.

Bill was married for 47 years to Lois and together they raised five children: David, Margaret, Leslie, Douglas and Gordon. Having sung in a barber shop quartet and church choir, his joy of music was very evident. Bill's baritone voice could be heard resonating throughout the halls of his office and apartment building. He often had a pun or quip on the tip of his tongue.

In recent years, Bill had the opportunity to return to the Yukon four times. Each time, he took one of his children to help him collect and log specimens in order to determine range extensions and also to let them experience a place that had been a large part of his life.

Bill is very proud of his family heritage. His father, William MacPherson Cody, was the first appointed anesthetist to the Hamilton General Hospital. Also, his second cousin, 3 times removed, was William Frederick Cody, known to most as "Buffalo Bill" Cody, a famous hero of the American Wild West.

Among the tributes awarded to Bill are the following: the Lawson Medal, most prestigious award of the Canadian Botanical Association (1997); the Distinguished Technical Communication Award of the Society for Technical Communications (1997); induction into the McMaster University Alumni Gallery (2002); The Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal (2002); and the Yukon Biodiversity Awareness Award (2006).

### *Marine Turtle Newsletter* (116)

April 2007. 36 pages: EDITORIALS: Proceeding to the future (M. S. Coyne) — The oldest place where there is always something new (J. G. Frazier) — ARTICLES: An update on marine turtles in Cote d'Ivoire, West Africa (J. G. Penate, M. Karamoko, S. Bamba, and G. Djadji) — An update on sea turtle conservation activities in the Republic of Congo (G. Bal, N. Brehert, and H. Vanleeuwe) — Conflicts and social dilemmas associated with the incidental capture of marine turtles by artisanal fishers in Benin (J. S. Dossa, B. A. Somsom and G. A. Mensah) — Marine turtle mortality in southern Gabon and northern Congo (R. Parnell, B. Verhage, S. L. Deem, H. Van Leeuwe, T. Nishihara, C. Moukoulou, and A. Gibudi) — Artificial lights as a significant cause of morbidity of Leatherbacks in Pongara National Park, Gabon (S. L. Deem, F. Boussamba, A. Z. Nguema, G-P Sounguet, S. Bourgeois, J. Cianciolo, and A. Formia) — Observations of marine turtles in relation to seismic air-gun sond off Angola (C. R. Weir) — Fibropapillomatosis confirmed in *Chelonia mydas* in the Gulf of Guinea, West Africa (A. Formia, S. Deem, A. Billes, S. Nguoussono, R. Parnell, T. Collins, G-P Sounguet, A. Gibundi, A. Villarubia,

G. H. Balazs, and T. R. Spraker) — Presence of sea turtles in traditional pharmacopoeia and beliefs of West Africa (J. Fretey, G. H. Segniagbeto, and M'M. Soumah) — Discovery of a Gabonese Leatherback in South Africa (J. Fretey, A. Billes, B. Baxter, and Caterine Hughes) — Second TAMAR-tagged Hawksbill recaptured in Corisco Bay, West Africa (A. Grossman, C. Bellini, A. Fallabrino, A. Formia, J. M. Mba, J. N. Mba, and C. Obama) — IUCN-MTSG QUARTERLY UPDATE — MEETING REPORTS — NEWS & LEGAL BRIEFS — RECENT PUBLICATIONS — ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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## Atlas of amphibians and reptiles of Quebec, 2007 inventory

Instructions for participants in the 20<sup>th</sup> herpetological survey for the Québec 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. The data from this annual inventory program are incorporated into the Centre de données sur le patrimoine naturel du Québec database; to date this database contains more than 60 000 date entries on Québec species. This provincial inventory is done every year with the important co-

operation of volunteers. Contributors are encouraged to send their e-mail address and request for instruction on transmitting data. Observation cards in paper format are available on request.

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## The Boreal Dip Net/L'epousette boreale 11(1) Spring 2007

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search: Gregory Bulte — Keynote Speakers with Extended Abstracts : Captive Breeding of Amphibians - Conservation or Cosmetic Surgery? (Richard A. Griffiths); The Way of a Gecko on a Rock — Why the Animal's Real Environment Matters — How the Student Presentations are Judged — Presentations Made (titles and authors of 50 presentations) — Book notice: Amphibians and Reptiles of British Columbia — Towards a Cooperative Strategy for Dealing with Disease Issues in Amphibian and Reptile Conservation — Blanding's Turtle Management Symposium and Roads and Ecopassages Forum — Announcement: CARRCNET/RECCAR Annual General Meeting 21 to 24 September 2007 Kingston, Ontario — CARCNET/RECCAR Board of Directors.

## Canadian Association of Herpetologists/Association Canadienne des Herpetologists Bulletin 14(2) Spring 2007

Contents: Instructions for Authors — EDITORIAL NOTES: Membership and Association News — MEETINGS: CARCNET 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting 27 to 29 October in Victoria, British Columbia; Joint Meeting of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists in St. Louis, Missouri, 11 to 16 July 2007 — FEATURE ARTICLE: Accuracy and precision of site occupancy estimates of anuran acoustic surveys when incorporating detection probabilities (Shane de Solla) — FIELD NOTES: Use of digital images obtained from volunteers to increase sample size and accuracy of morphometric ratios (Wayne Weller) — BOOK REVIEWS: *Herpetological Conservation and Biology* [an online journal] (assessed by Marc J. Mazerolle, Jim Bogart, Kate Jackson) — Diseases of Amphibians and Reptiles (reviewed by Dale A. Smith) — THESIS ABSTRACTS IN CANADIAN HERPETOLOGY: Sara M. Delannoy MSc 2006 University of Calgary, Alberta (Supervisor Anthony P. Russell) Subdigital setae of the Tokay Gecko: Variation in form and implication for adhesion; Patrick S. Druckenmiller PhD 2006 University of Calgary, Alberta (Supervisor Anthony P. Russell) Early Cretaceous Plesiosaurs (Sauropsid: Plesiosauroidea) from northern Alberta: Palaeoenvironmental and systematic implications; Virgil C. Hawkes MSc 2007 University of Vic-

toria (Supervisor Patrick Gregory) Riparian management and amphibians: Does buffer width matter?; Geoffrey Hughes Honours BSc 2007 Laurentian University, Sudbury, Ontario (Supervisor Jacqueline Litzgus) Nest site selection by Wood Turtles (*Glyptemys insculpta*) in a thermally limited environment; Heather A. Jammiezy PhD 2006 University of Calgary, Alberta (Supervisor Anthony P. Russell) Turtle cranial arterial circulation: Integrative analysis of a systematically influential character complex; Sheila Smith BSc 2006 Laurentian University, Sudbury, Ontario (Supervisor Jacqueline Litzgus) Geographic variation of sexual size dimorphism in Painted Turtles, *Chrysemys picta*; Eric D. Snively PhD 2006 University of Calgary, Alberta (Supervisor Anthony P. Russell) Neck musculoskeletal function in the Tyrannosauridae (Theropoda, Coelurosauria): Implications for feeding dynamics — THESES IN HERPETOLOGY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA (Patrick Gregory) a list by student and title for 33 theses (1974-2005): 9 BSc, 18 MSc, 6 PhD — RECENT PUBLICATIONS IN CANADIAN HERPETOLOGY: 17: 2006 (15), 2007(1), in press (1) — ANNOUNCEMENTS New Fiction Book about Sea Turtles: Sand Turtles.