



The Ottawa Field-Naturalists' Club

2016 President's Prize - Carolyn Callaghan

The President's Prize is given as the President's own recognition of a member for unusual support of the Club and its aims.

I would like to acknowledge Carolyn Callaghan for exceptional accomplishments during her tenure as editor-in-chief of *The Canadian Field-Naturalist*.

Carolyn served as editor from 2011 to 2016, leading production of volumes 125 to 130(1), and as outgoing editor-in-chief for 130(2-3) during the smooth transition to a new editor. For some six years, beginning in 2010, Carolyn successfully led a large team including two assistant editors, a book review editor, a tributes editor, multiple associate editors, copyeditors, a typesetter and two webmasters, while working closely with the OFNC Publications Committee and the OFNC Board of Directors, and engaging with hundreds of communicating authors of manuscripts and peer reviewers.

Carolyn returned the *CFN* to a regular schedule of publication, and under her editorship the journal made the transition to electronic publishing in addition to the standard hard-copy version of the journal.

Carolyn demonstrated particularly strong leadership in encouraging youth in science. She accepted for publication two papers (in 127(3)) reporting original research conducted by two high school students, encouraging these young scientists in their work and continuing a long OFNC tradition of mentoring young naturalists.

The job of editor-in-chief for a science journal is a demanding one, and Carolyn succeeded in this role for *The Canadian Field-Naturalist*. I am pleased to present her with the President's Prize.

Since June 2016, Dr. Carolyn Callaghan is a senior conservation biologist with the Canadian Wildlife Federation.

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