

## Editor's mid-year 2014 Summary for *Waterbirds*

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My role as editor is now in its second year, with Sandy MacPherson continuing as the associate editor and E. O. Painter Printing Company continuing as the publisher. We have continued to receive submissions from a broad international base (30 countries this period). During this period, the mean days to decision = 55, to publication = 193. Data on submission origin, acceptance rate, and page counts for this period are provided in the tables at the end.

**Volume 37 Summary:** *Waterbirds* issues 37(1) (March 2014) and 37(2) (June 2014) were both published on schedule and contained a combination of 15 Articles and 10 Notes in 232 pages. Issue 37(3) (September 2014) is at the printer and contains nine Articles and three Notes. Volume 37(4) is on track for December 2014 and is slated to contain 10 Articles and five Notes. Mid-year and annual submission rates are summarized below. Note that we appear to be rebounding in submission rate from a mid-year low of 52 in 2013.

No. of submissions		
Year	Mid-year	Total
2009	75	136
2010	69	117
2011	59	109
2012	70	113
2013	52	110
2014	73	-
<b>Mean (SD)</b>	<b>66 (9)</b>	<b>117 (11)</b>

Brian Pelistris and I successfully (hopefully) worked with BioOne and E. O. Painter Printing Company, respectively, to reduce the time it takes to post *Waterbirds* on BioOne. As a result, the June BioOne publication came out before many of us received our paper copies.

Ian Nisbet is retiring as Book Editor; the December issue will be his last. Clay Green will be taking over for the March 2015 issue.

**Special Issues:** The first Special Publication *Loon Research and Conservation in North America* by Jim Paruk, John Mager and Dave Evers (Editors) was published in April 2014. There are two more proposed special issues: (1) 2015, on gulls, edited by John Anderson; and (2) ca. 2016, on oystercatchers, edited by Ted Simons.

Finally, I would again like to express my gratitude to the Editorial Board for their willingness to assist me during my position as editor; thank you all. As always, I invite your suggestions and critiques regarding the quality and direction of *Waterbirds*.

Stephanie L. Jones  
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**SUMMARY OF VOLUME CONTENTS**

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<b>Year (volume)</b>	<b>2009 (32)</b>	<b>2010 (33)</b>	<b>2011 (34)</b>	<b>2012 (35)</b>	<b>2013 (36)</b>	<b>Mid-year 2014 (37)</b>
Regular (no. of pages)	592	555	461	563	507	230
Special (no. of pages)		40		74		147
Articles (no.)	55	45	44	42	33	15
Notes (no.)	14	19	18	15	21	10

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**Submission summary, by decision and region**  
(July 1, 2013 - June 30, 2014).

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	<b>No.</b>	<b>Percent</b>
<b><u>Decision</u></b>		
Published	38	28
Accepted	32	24
Rejected	51	38
In process	13	10
Other	2	1
Total	136	
<b><u>Region</u></b>		
North America	54	40
United States	48	35
Canada	6	4
Latin America	27	20
Mexico	4	3
Caribbean	1	1
Europe	15	11
Middle East	4	3
Africa	2	1
Asia	33	24

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<b>Submission summary, by country and taxa (July 1, 2013 - June 30, 2014).</b>				
<b>Country</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>Reject %</b>	<b>Taxon</b>	<b>No.</b>
Argentina	11	36	Anatidae	20
Australia	5	40	Spheniscidae	3
Brazil	9	22	Diomedidae	1
Canada	6	33	Hydrobatidae	1
Chile	2	0	Podicipedidae	3
China	13	46	Phoenicopteridae	3
Croatia	1	0	Ciconiidae	3
Cuba	1	0	Threskiornithidae	5
Denmark	1	100	Ardeidae	13
Ethiopia	1	0	Balaenicipitidae	1
Germany	2	0	Pelecanidae	1
India	5	100	Sulidae	4
Iran	2	50	Phalacrocoracidae	1
Italy	1	100	Rallidae	4
Japan	5	60	Gruidae	5
Korea	1	0	Haematopodidae	5
Libya	1	0	Charadriidae	1
Malaysia	1	100	Scolopacidae	1
Mexico	4	50	Larinae	6
Pakistan	1	100	Sterninae	9
Paraguay	1	100	Rynchopinae	1
Poland	3	67	Stercorariidae	2
Spain	3	67	Alcidae	3
Taiwan	2	100	Alcedinidae	1
The Netherlands	1	0	Cinclidae	1
Turkey	1	100	General – Seabirds	3
UAE	1	0	General – Shorebirds	13
UK	2	0	General – Waterbirds	18
USA	48	25		
Zambia	1	0	Methods	4
<b>Number of Countries</b>	<b>30</b>			