

Editor's Mid-year 2013 Report
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I transitioned into the editorship at *Waterbirds* beginning in September 2012 and then assumed the role as editor in January 2013 with Sandy MacPherson as the associate editor; E. O. Painter Printing Company has continued as the publisher.

September 2012-December 2012: Thanks to Bob Elner's cooperation and guidance, the transition into the editorship went smoothly. We received 113 submissions in 2012 - 26 manuscripts since September. While contributions from the United States and Canada dominated the journal, we continued receiving submissions from a broad international base. Data on submission and acceptance rates for this period are provided in the table at the end.

Volume 36 Summary: *Waterbirds* issue 36(1) March 2013 was published on schedule and contained 7 Articles with 5 Notes in 120 pages. *Waterbirds* 36(2) June 2013 was also published on schedule and contained 8 Articles and 6 Notes in 132 pages. The September issue 36(3) is completed and has been sent to the printer, and contains 8 Articles and 7 Notes. I estimate that the galley proofs for volume 36(4) will go to the publisher in mid-November. (I have attached a table below of the page and article count for the last four years, for comparison.)

Special Issue: The planned Special Publication *An Update on Loon Research and Conservation in North America* by Jim Paruk, John Mager and Dave Evers, Eds., is being processed. The editors are hopeful that the publication, which will include 16 papers, in addition to a preface and an introduction, will be completed this year.

I am concerned about the decline in submission rate over the last 4 years ($r = -0.77$). With the economic upheaval in 2008, I suspect a decline in research funding may be part of the cause, which may only get worse with the U.S. federal sequestration in effect. If so, and this trend continues, I would like to discuss contingency plans with the Board if the number of submissions falls below a certain threshold. We are likely fine for December, but after that, I am not so sure.

Number of submissions		
Year	Mid-July	Total
2009	75	136
2010	69	117
2011	59	109
2012	70	113
2013	52	

We maintain a list of organizations and individuals that are willing to assist non-English speaking researchers with writing in idiomatic English. I received two articles this year that had used the JFO English assistance program, and the English writing was quite good.

Finally, I would like to express my appreciation to the Editorial Board and Publication Committee for their willingness to assist me during my first year as editor; thank you all.

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 SUMMARY

(Oct 2012-Jul 2013)	Submitted	Published*	Rejected	In process	Countries
Total	78	26	27	34	26

* This number includes publication of manuscripts that were submitted prior to Oct 2012.

SUMMARY (No.)	Jan-July 2013	Oct-Dec 2012	Total
Submitted	52	26	78
Rejected	20	7	27
Accepted	5	13	18
In process	27	6	33
Pages			252
Mean days to decision			94
Mean days to publication			271
North America	20	21	41
United States	16	17	33
Canada	4	4	8
Europe	7	2	9
Africa	4	0	4
Asia	10	3	13
Latin America	9	0	9
Mexico	3	0	3
Caribbean	1	0	1
Middle East	1	0	1

COUNTRY OF SUBMISSION

Country	Jan-July 2013	Reject (%)	Country	Oct-Dec 2012	Reject (%)
Algeria	2	100	Canada	4	25
Argentina	3	n/a	China	2	50
Brazil	2	0	Greece	1	0
Canada	4	50	Japan	1	100
China	1	100	Sweden	1	0
Denmark	1	0	U.S.	17	24

Iceland	1	n/a	Total	26	31
India	1	n/a			
Iran	1	0			
Italy	1	0			
Japan	1	0			
Kenya	1	100			
Korea	2	100			
Malaysia	2	50			
Mexico	3	33			
Pakistan	1	n/a			
Poland	1	n/a			
Romania	1	0			
Russia	1	100			
South Africa	1	n/a			
Sweden	1	100			
Taiwan	2	100			
Thailand	1	0			
Trinidad	1	0			
United States	16	38			
Total	52	39			

SUMMARY OF VOLUME CONTENTS

Number	2009 (32)	2010 (33)	2011 (34)	2012 (35)	2013 (36) mid-year
Regular pages	592	555	461	563	252
Special pages		40		74	
Articles	55	45	44	42	15
Notes	14	19	18	15	11