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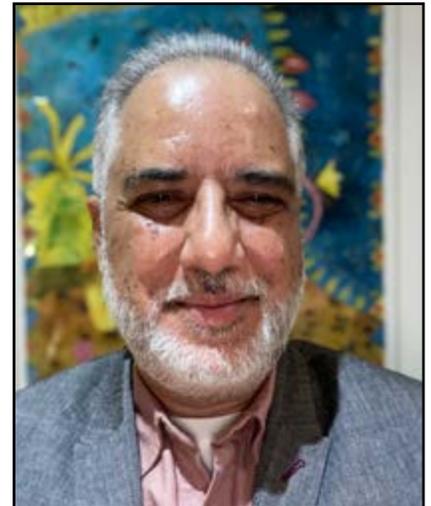
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President's Message

Dear CBA Members,

I know that many of you have experienced a true Canadian winter this year, complete with heavy snowfall. Here in Vancouver, however, we have had plenty of rain but not a single snowflake so far. I'm sure all of us—along with a wide variety of plants—are looking forward to the arrival of a vibrant spring.



CBA Student Awards

Several CBA awards are available for students:

- Lionel Cinq-Mars Award for the best oral presentation by a student at the CBA Annual Meeting.
- Iain and Sylvia Taylor Award for the best student poster presented at the CBA Annual Meeting.
- John Macoun Travel Bursary providing partial financial assistance for graduate students presenting a paper or poster at the CBA Annual Meeting.
- Undergraduate Travel Award for undergraduate students presenting a paper or poster at the CBA Annual Meeting.
- Laurie Consaul Northern Research Scholarship, open to undergraduate or graduate students conducting botanical field research in northern Canada (north of 60°) in the upcoming field season.

Full details are available on the CBA Awards website (<https://www.cba-abc.ca/awards/>). Please consider nominating your students for these opportunities.

New Member Publications

Armijos Carrion, A.D., Boisen Valentin, S., Meades, S.J., Burzynski, M., Anions, M.F.E., Feltham, J. and Roncal, J. (2025) Lineage-specific phylogenetic structure of boreal habitats suggests different assembly processes across phylogenetic and spatial scales. *Ecography*, 2025: e07630. <https://doi.org/10.1002/ecog.07630>
[See next page for a collage of beautiful images from this paper.]

Cemin, L. G., and M. Jean. (2025) Forest Composition Drives Bryophyte Biomass, Carbon, and Nitrogen Storage in the Boreal-Temperate Ecotone. *Journal of Vegetation Science* 36, no. 6: e70088. <https://doi.org/10.1111/jvs.70088>.

Gillies, G. J., Vemulapalli, R., & Eckert, C. G. (2025) Common milkweed gardens increase occupancy by monarch butterflies and other specialist herbivores towards an urban centre. *Insect Conservation and Diversity*, icad.70033. <https://doi.org/10.1111/icad.70033>

Kricsfalusy, Vladimir. (2026) The native flora of the Redberry Lake Biosphere Region (Saskatchewan, Canada): taxonomy, biogeography, habitats and conservation. *Nordic Journal of Botany*. [10.1002/njb.04865](https://doi.org/10.1002/njb.04865).

Kricsfalusy V., Chakma K. (2025) Prediction of potential habitat distributions and climate change impacts on six *Carex* L. species of conservation concern in Canada. *Conservation*, 5(4): 55. <https://doi.org/10.3390/conservation5040055>

Kricsfalusy V., Chakma K., Godfrey A. (2025) Integrating herbarium data with spatial biodiversity assessment into conservation plans: A case study of the genus *Carex* in Saskatchewan. *Nature Conservation*, 59: 65–88. <https://doi.org/10.3897/natureconservation.59.149423>

Kricsfalusy V.V., Godfrey A., Chakma K., Stewart A., Danylyk I.M. (2025) Evaluating the diversity, distribution patterns and habitat preferences of *Carex* species in western Canada using geospatial analysis. *Biodiversity Data Journal*, 13: e144840. <https://doi.org/10.3897/BDJ.13.e144840>

Lacroix-Carignan, É., Starr, J. R., Naczi, R. F. C., Kilpatrick, E. S., Léveillé-Bourret, É. (2026) Integrative taxonomy supports DNA barcoding in revealing an abundant cryptic species in the United States Coastal Plain. *Journal of Systematics and Evolution*. <https://doi.org/10.1111/jse.70036>

Messier, Henry et al. (2025) Selection for fewer, water- and carbon-conservative needles in black spruce trees under warm, dry climates. *Annals of Botany*. <https://doi.org/10.1093/aob/mcaf332>

Sede, S., Testoni, D., Sclovich, S., Morello, S., Santín, F., Romaschenko, K., Starr, J.R., & Giussani, L. (2025) An expanded *Pappostipa* (Stipeae, Poaceae) includes a lineage of South American species with plumose-like awns. *Botanical Journal of the Linnean Society*. 208(1): 75–90. <https://doi.org/10.1093/botlinnean/boae056>

Zhang, L., Starr, J., Ford, B., Reznicek, A., Zhou, Y., Léveillé-Bourret, É., Lacroix-Carignan, É., Cayouette, J., Smith, T.W., Sutherland, D., Catling, P., Saarela, J.M., Cui, H., & Macklin, J. (2025) Helping authors produce fair taxonomic data: Evaluation of an author-driven phenotype data production prototype. *Database* 2025: baae097. <https://doi.org/10.1093/database/baae097>

Photo Submission: Members of Conservation Ecology Laboratory at University of Saskatchewan (C-ECO Lab <https://research-groups.usask.ca/conservation-ecology/home.php>) on field studies at the Redberry Lake Biosphere Reserve.



Left: Group assessment of grassland health at the Hafford Community Pasture (Gilbert Adum, Patrick Osei, Dr. Vladimir Kricsfalusy, Frida Stittrich).

Right: Frida Stittrich, BSc and Sadik Enan, MSs conducting vegetation and soil surveys in calcareous fen.



Left: Dr. Vladimir Kricsfalusy together with Gilbert Adum, PhD and Patrick Osei, MSc studying population of moor rush (*Juncus stygius* subsp. *americanus*), a vulnerable plant species.

