

**The Merritt Lyndon Fernald Award
For Best Paper published in *Rhodora*
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presented to

**Scott W. Bailey, Joann Hoy, and Charles V. Cogbill
for their paper, "Vascular flora and geocology of
Mont de la Table, Gaspésie, Québec"**

This year's recipients of the New England Botanical Club's Merritt Lyndon Fernald Award are Scott W. Bailey, Joann Hoy, and Charles V. Cogbill for their paper published in *Rhodora* 117 (969): 1-40.

To quote the three judges on the Fernald panel: "Bailey et. al. have used a combination of good old fashioned botanical sleuthing to relocate and investigate an unusual alpine meadow first described in the literature by Fernald himself. They combined thorough work in the herbarium with meticulous and detailed work in the field. As a result, they were able to compare present conditions of the flora with notes and analyses made by Fernald and his collaborator Collins more than a century ago. Bailey, Hoy, and Cogbill have added considerable information about the chemical composition of groundwater and rock samples when analyzing the distribution and assemblage of plants in the meadow, using techniques not available at the beginning of the 20th century."