

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

**Matthew L. Carlson, E. Jamie Trammell, Timm Nawrocki and Edward Noongwook for their paper,  
“Additions to the vascular flora of St. Lawrence  
Island, Alaska: New records, rare species, and  
phytogeographic patterns”**

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This year's recipients of the New England Botanical Club's Merritt Lyndon Fernald Award are Matthew L. Carlson, E. Jamie Trammell, Timm Nawrocki, and Edward Noongwook for their paper published in *Rhodora* 120 (981):1-41.

The Fernald Award Committee “was impressed by the thoroughness of the study and the careful review of the historical record of the flora of St. Lawrence Island, Alaska, presented by Carlson, *et. al.* Vermont botanist Steve Young, author of the original flora of St. Lawrence Island, began his work in polar environments there, so it is particularly fitting to have published this contemporary work in the pages of *Rhodora*. St. Lawrence Island is in an important biogeographic location for this time of rapidly changing climate, and the detailed floristic study presented by the authors should serve as a fine example of the work needed to document changes to the flora wherever they are found.”