

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

**Amanda K. Weise, Peter P. Grima, Matthew
Charpentier, Margaret Curtin, and Gregory Palermo
for their paper, “Rediscoveries of *Dichanthelium
scoparium* (Poaceae) in southern New England
and evaluation of past records from
New England and New York”**

This year’s recipients of the New England Botanical Society’s Merritt Lyndon Fernald Award are Amanda K. Weise, Peter P. Grima, Matthew Charpentier, Margaret Curtin, and Gregory Palermo for their paper published in *Rhodora* 122 (991): 214-233.

The Merritt Lyndon Fernald Award Committee members “appreciate that this comprehensive study represents a detailed and thorough collaboration across a broad range of individuals, institutions, and geography. The study exemplifies the central tenets of the Fernald Award by an extraordinarily thorough combination of field work and evaluation of herbarium records, as well as careful review of records collected by citizen scientists— something new for botanical research. In the midst of rapid and landscape-scale changes in the environment, the excellent evaluation of field and herbarium records paints a clear picture of what we might expect for *Dichanthelium scoparium* as a component of the future flora of the Northeast.”