

Winter 2021



Ethnobiology Newsletter

Society of Ethnobiology Member Newsletter

Letter from the President

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

The Society of Ethnobiology is pleased to offer some updates and reminders in this first newsletter of 2021. 2020 was a strange and challenging year, and I hope the December holidays provided a much-needed break and rejuvenation.

We have some exciting events coming our way in 2021! Keep an eye out for elections for Board positions coming this month—if you have any nominations to send in, please get in touch with me. Our Annual conference will be held virtually in May—[registration is OPEN](#) and submissions for [session proposals](#) and [abstracts](#) are due Jan 31. We welcome Cissy Fowler and Steve Wolverton to the co-Editorship of the Contributions series, and thank the talented Marsha Bogar Quinlan for her years of dedication in steering this outstanding monograph series.

Wishing you peace, health, and happiness,
Love,
Sarah

Thank you to outgoing Reviews Editor Felice Wyndham for her exceptional work!

NEW Ethnobiology Letters Published: Avian Voices



Photo credit: Anupam Nath in Dadara, Kam 1

Check out the new Special Issue of *Ethnobiology Letters* on Avian Voices! The six papers describe Bird Wisdom shared through stories and songs that express key values of reciprocity and stewardship. This ecological knowledge addresses conflict and crises like climate change, and instructs on restoring relationships with the land for healing. Share, Like, and Comment as you please, and we hope you enjoy these enthralling reads! Click [here](#) to read more.

Society of Ethnobiology Membership Survey

Society members are requested to complete a quick, 5 minute survey. This information will help us increase the reach of the *Journal of Ethnobiology* and also allow us to remain competitive in the ever-changing publishing world. Please complete the survey, [here](#).

Society of Ethnobiology 43rd Annual Conference is going Virtual!



The conference will be held online from May 12–14, 2021. Because we are an international Society, we will have sessions scheduled at different times of the day to accommodate different time zones. In addition, there will be some asynchronous pre-recorded sessions. The main events will be scheduled according to the Mountain Time Zone (UTC-7) where the Paiute Tribe of Southern Utah, our co-host for this conference, is predominantly centered.

Register Today! We have early bird rates up through **January 31, 2021**. To register, click [here](#).

Annual Conference Registration Waivers & Technology Grants Available!

This year, with the support of Wenner-Gren and donations to the Society, we are offering Conference Registration Waivers, some Membership Fee Waivers, and some small Technology Grants to help increase participation from majority world and Indigenous or underrepresented groups. Please apply early because we plan to award all of the funds possible immediately after the January 31, 2021 deadline. [Apply Here](#).

Ethnobiology Letters: Call for Review Editor

Over the next few months *Ethnobiology Letters* and the Society of Ethnobiology will also be looking for Felice Wyndham's successor as Reviews Editor. It is a great role in that it is fun to keep abreast of new publications in the field, and sometimes you get to put eyeprints on the new books that publishers send you. It is usually gratifying and interesting to correspond with reviewers around the world—often emerging scholars—which gives one a good sense of the networks of ethnobiology community out there. The Reviews Editor is a (nonvoting) member of the extended SoE board. Editing duties are relatively light, in that submissions are short pieces (± 1000 words) and they aren't peer reviewed. The role requires a commitment of about 2–3 hours a week. In practice these can be bundled together to do perhaps one day per month if preferred. Felice is happy to overlap with the new Reviews editor until they've learned the systems. If you are interested please send a CV and short letter of interest to editors@ethnobiologyletters.org.

Rapid Assistance Fund For Indigenous Communities & Individuals In Need

The Society of Ethnobiology remains committed to the purposes of social justice and social equality. We recognize there is much work to be done. If you or your community are in need of assistance, in a form that relates to people and the environments they live and work in, please consider applying for Rapid Assistance Funds [here](#).

Ethnobiology Letters: Call for Co-Editor

Our open access publication, *Ethnobiology Letters*, is produced on a rolling basis and is supported by a team of Co-Editors, Associate Editors, and Production Assistants. We are seeking applicants for a Co-Editor position to help with our mission to publish a variety of formats for original ethnobiological research, including perspectives, and mini-reviews on focused topics in ethnobiology, and reviews of recent books. The next Co-Editor will join two Co-Editors and should have experience in publishing and editing ethnobiology research. While the area of focus is open, we are particularly interested in candidates with a background in cultural anthropology or human geography. This position entails reviewing submitted manuscripts, managing peer reviewers, working with the journal editorial team, writing editorials, soliciting special issues, and facilitating the publication of a range of high quality research and perspectives. Interested scholars should send a CV and short letter of interest to editors@ethnobiologyletters.org. We anticipate working with applicants first through a trial period as Associate Editors to familiarize them with the OJS 3 web service where this journal is managed.

Call for Forage! Blog Posts

Forage! is the SoE's venue for gathering ideas and knowledge and for fostering the ethnobiological community and movements. We encourage members to submit content from all expressive dimensions including intellectual, creative, and activist ones (e.g., art, stories, literature, poetry, picture). Check it out [here](#).

We invite all SoE members, students, and the general public to submit blog posts here: forage@ethnobiology.org. We welcome submissions at any time or you can schedule a blog post using our doodle sign-up poll: <https://doodle.com/poll/7n3r6f9vyaqp4icx>

SoE Student Twitter Take-Over

Are you a student who wants to engage more with the diverse membership of the Society of Ethnobiology? Do you want to show your own perspective of what is ethnobiology? NOW IS YOUR CHANCE! Fill out the survey to schedule your week now: <https://buff.ly/3hTHGpA>

Ethnobiology In the News

- 11.12.20 | *New York Times* [Revisiting an Ancient Theory of Herbalism](#)
- 11.13.20 | *Duluth News Tribune* [Sean Sherman, teaching Indigenous food traditions as cultural preservation](#)
- 11.25.20 | *Mind Body Green* [5 Tangible Ways To Support Indigenous People On Thanksgiving Day & Beyond](#)
- 12.17.20 | *Green biz.com* [Reviving Indigenous agriculture and foodways nourishes people, land and cultures](#)
- 12.23.20 | *Smithsonian Magazine* [The Biology of Mistletoe](#)
- 12.28.20 | *Myanmar Times* [Kayin Culture and Land at the Heart of Goldman Environmental Prize](#)
- 12.30.20 | *Associated Press* [Restoring longleaf pines, keystone of once vast ecosystems](#)

Do you have anything you would like the community of Ethnobiologists to know? Would you like to share job postings, events, news articles, etc.? Please email socialmedia@ethnobiology.org with any comments, concerns, or additions.