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2009 William Skinner Cooper Award

Jerry Jenkins, Glenn Motzkin, and Kirsten Ward

Jerry Jenkins of the Wildlife Conservation Society, and his coauthors Glenn Motzkin and Kirsten Ward, will receive this year's William Skinner Cooper Award for their paper, "Harvard Forest flora: an inventory, analysis and ecological history," published in 2008 in the Harvard Forest paper series. The Cooper Award is given to honor an outstanding contribution to the fields of geobotany, physiographic ecology, plant succession, or the distribution of plants along environmental gradients. In the paper, the authors survey the plants of a central New England woodland, describing biological variation within species and the diversity among them. The contribution illustrates the many ecological changes that occurred in this typical woodland throughout the 20th century.