

## **CNGA Policy on Distribution of Grasslands Journals and Articles**

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The policy concerning journal and article distribution is:

- Only members receive digital and/or print issues upon release either via email or post.
- Non-members may access the journal upon request or by visiting the CNGA website.

Beginning with the Spring 2020 issues, the graphics editor, Julie St John, will create separate PDFs of individual articles for distribution and posting on the website. Articles to be separated are:

- Research, original and overview
- Visit a Grassland
- Species Spotlights
- Landscaping feature (and other feature articles)

### **Background**

Until this time, Grasslands has always been considered a member benefit. However, both CNGA members and members of the general public have increasingly requested access to journal articles that are increasingly relevant to conservation and restoration issues.

The members were asked during the December 2019 election to answer this question:

Is exclusive access to the most recent journals important to you as a member benefit?

Yes: 40.6%

No: 59.4%

A majority of members (59.4%) favored making the journals available to the public.