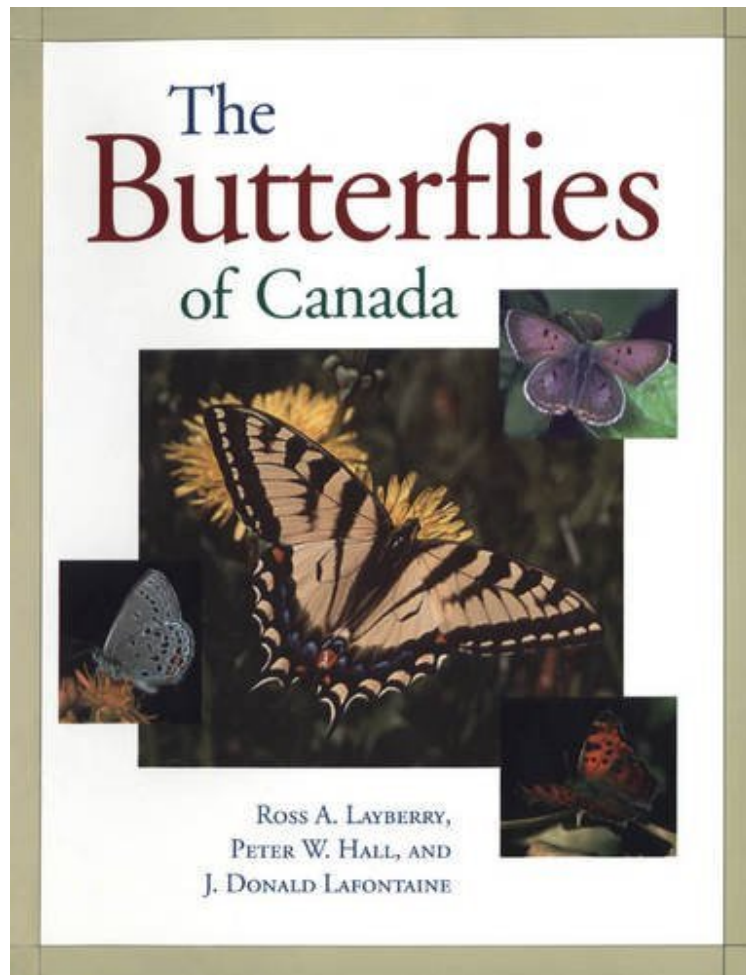


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About the Author
Ross A. Layberry has been building a database of butterfly distribution in Canada since 1985, now at over 90,000 records.