

# GEORGE L. GODFREY

(1943 -)

**Subject:** *Lepidoptera*

**Field:** *Taxonomy*, **Nationality:** *Potawatomi*

*Education*

*Nation*

Entomologist  
of the  
Month



**George Godfrey is an entomologist, educator, and historian of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation.** He was born in Shawnee, Oklahoma and obtained a bachelor's degree from Northern State University in Aberdeen, S.D. During his PhD at Cornell University, he reported on the impacts of insecticides on the parasites of pest insects, including cabbage aphids. He then worked at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign contributing to taxonomy of Lepidoptera. After this, Godfrey had a fruitful career as professor and vice president of Academic Affairs at Haskell Indian Nations University, Lawrence, KS. Godfrey has also made important contributions working with the US Department of Agriculture as a National Program Leader facilitating teaching and research programs at Tribal Colleges. He has now shifted his efforts to researching Potawatomi history and has written six books of non-fiction, historical fiction, and fiction. With academic training entomology, he has explained that diverse ways of thinking can lead to diversity in language, which is reflected in his novels. Godfrey continues to serve as a historian, educator, and storyteller in Illinois.

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