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### **Good Read: Ecology Through Time**

- Karen Baker, *Palmer Station (PAL)*

**Kaiser, J., 2001. Ecology Through Time: An Experiment for all Seasons. Science 293(5530):624-627.**

In providing an overview of concepts fundamental to the Long-Term Ecological Research network, one can place the recent issue of Science (July 2001) on the reference shelf right next to the Jul/Aug 1990 issue of BioScience which contains that original introductory trio of articles (Swanson and Sparks: Long-Term ecological research and the invisible place; Magnuson: Long-term ecological research and the invisible present; Franklin, Bledsoe, Callahan: Contributions of the long-term ecological research program). This article begins "the NSF's LTER network has proved a smashing success", continues with illustration of the ramifications of network science, and summarizes with site-specific scenarios as well as cross-site tables. Aspects of the spirit of the LTER's practice of science are captured along with examples from the broader community, rounding out this Science issue dedicated to ecosystem science.