

**THE CANADIAN SECTION OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY**  
**IAN McTAGGART-COWAN LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

**Purpose.** The Ian McTaggart-Cowan Lifetime Achievement Award (CLAA) is awarded by the Canadian Section of The Wildlife Society (CSTWS) to recognize individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the understanding, conservation, and/or management of wildlife in Canada over their career.

The Award is named for Dr. Ian McTaggart-Cowan, a founding pioneer of the wildlife profession, an honorary life member and former President of The Wildlife Society (TWS), and recipient of the TWS Aldo Leopold Award.

**Criteria.**

1. The nominee for the CLAA will have made an outstanding contribution to wildlife biology, conservation, education and/or management in Canada throughout her or his career. These accomplishments may have been made in management, education, research, or administration (or any combination therein) and have noticeably advanced the field of wildlife biology and management and/or enhanced wildlife conservation and education.
2. The CLAA recognizes achievements in the wildlife profession that have received, or are worthy of, national recognition.
3. The CLAA is open to any wildlife professional, practicing or retired, whether or not they are a member of the CSTWS and/or TWS.
4. The evaluation process is guided by the nominee's lifetime contribution. The evaluation of the nominees needs to consider:
  - the relative magnitude of the contribution;
  - whether or not the contribution has received (or is worthy of national recognition); and
  - that contributions to wildlife biology, conservation, education and/or management are of equal value, but that contributions to multiple facets of the wildlife profession are of greater significance.

**Submission, review, and approval.**

1. Any CSTWS member or members may submit a nomination or self-nomination; although the nominee does not have to be a current or past member of the CSTWS, those making the nomination need to be current CSTWS members.
2. Nominations will consist of (1) completed nomination form, (2) a letter highlighting the significance and breadth of the contribution of the nominee, (3) a CV of the nominee, and (4) digital photograph of the nominee.
3. Nominations are to be submitted in digital form by email to the Chair of the CSTWS Awards Committee.

4. The CSTWS Awards Committee will adjudicate the nominations and make their recommendation to the Executive of CSTWS at least 8 weeks before the CSTWS Annual Conference.
5. Normally, only one CLAA will be awarded per year.
6. Nominees will normally be living at the time of their nomination.
7. The Award normally will be presented at the CSTWS Annual General Meeting each year.
8. Nominees will be eligible for the award for up to 3 years after nomination and submitted materials will be retained for this period after which all nomination materials will be destroyed.
9. The President will notify the successful nominee inviting them to the Annual Meeting. The Chair of the Awards Committee will inform the nominators of the unsuccessful candidates of the decision and inform the nominators that all nominations will be held active for a total of three years. The Chair of the Awards Committee will also prepare a citation to be presented by the CSTWS President at the time that the award is presented to the CLAA recipient.

**Recognition.** Each recipient of the CLAA will have her or his or photo and a summary of their contribution posted on the CSTWS web Awards Page (*I suggest a subpage of the Wall of Fame*). The recipient will be provided a lapel pin and plaque, to be awarded during the Awards Ceremony at the CSTWS annual meeting. The recipient will also receive a lifetime membership in CSTWS.

## The Canadian Section Of The Wildlife Society Ian McTaggart-Cowan Lifetime Achievement Award

The Ian McTaggart Cowan Lifetime Achievement Award recognizes individuals who have made a significant contribution to the wildlife profession in Canada. Recipients are announced at the CSTWS Annual General Meeting. Recipients are presented with a pin, plaque, and awarded a lifetime membership in CSTWS. **Nominations must be received by January 1st by the Chair of the CSTWS Awards Committee.**

Nominator Information	
Name of person submitting nomination:	Institution:
Address:	Telephone:
	E-mail:

Part I. Nominee Information	
Name of nominee:	Institution:
Address:	Telephone:
	E-mail:
Current Position Title:	
Number of years in current position:	
If the nominee's current position has been held <b>less than 5 years</b> , please indicate below the position titles and number of years in the 2 most recent prior positions of employment:	
Position Title in most recent prior employment:	Institution:
Number of years in most recent prior employment:	
Position Title in 2 <sup>nd</sup> most recent prior employment:	Institution:
Number of years in 2 <sup>nd</sup> most recent prior employment:	

**Part II. Please describe the nominee's lifetime contribution to wildlife biology, conservation, education and/or management in Canada**

**Please limit your response to three pages.**