

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Canadian Section - 2013

*The **Wildlife Society Distinguished Service Award** recognizes TWS members who have made a long-term commitment to the Society based on at least 20 years of membership and their actions to further the mission of the Society. The member is someone who is/was “always there” and could be counted on to serve the chapter, section, or international organization.*



Larry Bidlake

Retired Biologist and Manager

Natural Resources, Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship

Larry Bidlake worked as a field biologist with Manitoba Conservation from 1965 to 2001. He has been a leader in resource conservation in Manitoba. As a result of Larry's efforts, hundreds of hectares of natural prairies, rivers and forest have been protected. Larry has been a part of The Wildlife Society throughout his career, as a Founding Member of the Manitoba Chapter, member of the Central Mountains and Plains Section, and the Canadian Section. He was a 'doer'; an active participant often assuming a leadership role in subunit activities. In his 47 years as a biologist and manager of Natural Resources within Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship, Larry constantly strived to designate the province's wild and naturally significant places as Wildlife Management Areas. He constantly interacted with the public, educating farmers, businessmen, hunters, and environmentalists about wildlife and the land that sustains it.