

# DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

## Canadian Section - 2015

*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.*



**Lu Carbyn**

**Scientist Emeritus - Canadian Wildlife Service**

Dr. Carbyn is a research scientist emeritus at the Canadian Wildlife Service and an adjunct professor at the University of Alberta in Edmonton, Alberta. He moved from Namibia, southern Africa to New Brunswick at 11 years of age where he learned to trap bobcats, mink and red foxes. He received his MSc at the University of Alberta in 1967 and his Ph.D. in Zoology at the University of Toronto in 1975. He joined the Canadian Wildlife Service in 1969 and retired after 30 years of service. Lu is an internationally recognized expert on wolves, who has studied wolf ecology and behavior since 1970. Carbyn has been invited to provide advice on wolves in Mexico, Poland, Italy and Portugal, and throughout North America. He was the chairman of the successful Canadian Swift Fox Reintroduction Program and Recovery Team from 1989 to 1993 and was a long-time member of International Wolf Specialist Group. Every year since 1985, he travelled to Wood Buffalo National Park to closely observe wolves and bison, publishing *The Buffalo Wolf: Predators, Prey, and The Politics of Nature* in 2003, which won *Best Wildlife Book of the Year* award from the Canadian National Geographic Society. He is credited with 5 other major books. As a retiree he has been involved with Nature Alberta Board of Directors, Ministerial Advisory Committee on Endangered Species, IUCN Wolf Group, and the US Swift Fox Conservation committee. In 2013, Dr. Carbyn received the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal for services to wildlife conservation in Canada. Lu first joined TWS as a graduate student in 1965, and joined the Alberta Chapter a year after it was formed in 1989. In 2001, he was awarded the Alberta Chapter of The Wildlife Society's prestigious *William Rowan Distinguished Service Award*. He focused his efforts on the Conservation Committee and as TWS member on the duties of the Certification Committee. As the past co-owner of the Wild Bird General Store, he also contributed to auctions that support the ACTWS student scholarship funds.