

HONORARY TWS MEMBERSHIP

1965 – Ian McTaggart-Cowan



Position: Professor, University of British Columbia; Chancellor, University of Victoria

Accomplishments: Ian McTaggart-Cowan was tremendously influential, so much so that he is known as the father of Canadian ecology. He studied at the University of British Columbia and the University of California at Berkeley. As a professor at the University of British Columbia, he established the first university program in wildlife in Canada. He supervised more than 100 graduate students, many of whom went on to be tremendously influential in wildlife management and conservation in Canada. He authored more than 275 publications, including the multi-volume *Birds of British Columbia*.

In addition to his extraordinary academic accomplishments, Dr. McTaggart-Cowan was also one of the earliest television-based science educators. He co-authored or hosted hundreds of radio, television and film science programs, including *Fur and Feathers*, *The Living Sea* and *Web of Life*. He was well known as a vocal advocate for conservation and wildlife management.

Dr. McTaggart-Cowan's many contributions have been recognized through numerous awards; at the time of his death, he had been given more awards than any other scientist in Canada. The Cowan Vertebrate Museum in Vancouver is named after him, in recognition of his extraordinary contributions to conservation.