

Merlin Shoesmith

2014 recipient of the Jim McDonough Award

The award was established through Jim McDonough's generosity and long-time support for professional excellence in wildlife management. It is presented to a TWS member who is also a Certified Wildlife Biologist and a member of the section and chapter where the individual resides. The recipient is recognized for making a significant contribution to the wildlife profession by being an active member/participant of The Wildlife Society, especially at local levels and through program implementation and development of new techniques or approaches in an area or in a state or province.

Accomplishments: Merlin Shoesmith has been deeply involved in wildlife conservation and research for many years. He has been a long-time member of the Canadian Section and the Manitoba Chapter of The Wildlife Society. He was one of the driving forces behind bringing the annual meeting of The Wildlife Society to Winnipeg in 2015, and in his position of co-chair for this international event, he was also responsible for its tremendous success. He has had a great influence on wildlife conservation and management in Manitoba in his position with the Wildlife Branch of Manitoba Conservation, and many contributions to undergraduate and graduate student teaching and mentorship.