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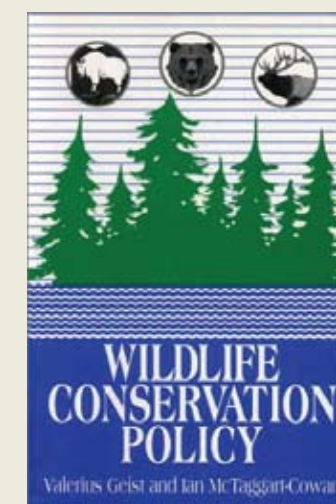
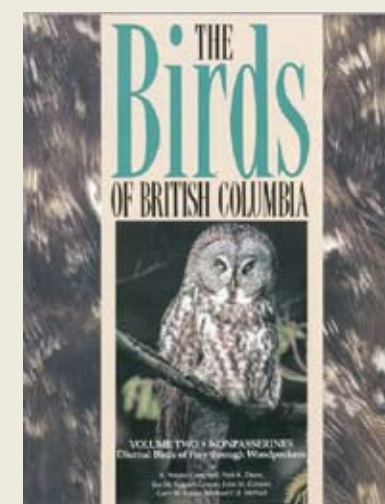
## Ian McTaggart-Cowan b. 1910

Wildlife ecology explores the habits and distribution of wild animal species. Ian was a pioneering wildlife ecologist, with the foresight to apply his brilliant expertise to nature conservation and public service. A scholar and scientist with inspiring devotion to his students, his animal subjects and the public, Ian's contributions are far-reaching. Over one hundred television nature documentaries, the foundation and functioning of several conservation organizations, sound wildlife management strategies including national parks and the training and mentorship of a generation of scientists and conservationists in BC are products of his life's work.



*Above:* Adapted from a photo of Ian at the Elders Council for Parks gathering in 2004 (Photo courtesy of Rod Silver)

*Background image:* Jasper National Park (Photo: Gail Ross)



### Affiliations:

National Research Council of Canada -  
founding member and first Chairman  
of the Advisory Committee on Wildlife  
Research  
Environment Council of Canada - Chair  
Public Advisory Board of the B.C. Habitat  
Conservation Trust Fund - Founding  
Chair  
Board of Governors of the Arctic Institute  
of North America - Chair  
Canadian Committee on Whales and  
Whaling - Chair  
International Union for the Conservation  
of Nature - Vice President  
Select Committee on National Parks for  
the United States Secretary of the  
Interior  
The Nature Trust of British Columbia -  
Director  
University of Victoria - Chancellor 1979 to  
1984  
UBC - Chair of zoology department, Dean  
of Graduate Studies  
College Council of B.C. - Chair  
Honourary President of the Federation of  
BC Naturalists

### Awards:

Order of Canada 1970  
Order of British Columbia 1991  
Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada  
Leopold Medal of the Wildlife Society  
Fry Medal of the Canadian Society of  
Zoologists  
Einarsen Award in Conservation by the  
Northwest Section of the Wildlife  
Society  
J. Dewey Soper Award by the Alberta  
Society of Professional Biologists.

*Top:* Ian has been a contributor to many books and encyclopedias, including *The Birds of British Columbia* (UBC Press) and *Wildlife Conservation Policy* (Detselig Enterprises).