

**BC Nature (Federation of British Columbia Naturalists)
Awards Record**

1977 through to Present (Updated June 2026)

2026

McTaggart-Cowan Outstanding Naturalist Dr. Susan J. Hannon – *Salt Spring Trail & Nature Club*

Barbara Chapman Award Liam Steele – *Friends of Holland Creek*

BC Nature Regional Award Jim Boulter – *Comox Valley Naturalists*

BC Nature Education Award Carmen Prang – *Delta Naturalists*

BC Nature Key Biodiversity Area Caretaker Wayne Ray

BC Nature Club Service Award Karen Cummins – *Comox Valley Naturalists*
Rod Drennan – *North Okanagan Naturalists*
Mike Howard – *Central Okanagan Naturalists*
Elizabeth Perrin – *Delta Naturalists*
Harold Sellars – *North Okanagan Naturalists*
Jim Sims – *Williams lake Field Naturalists*

2025

McTaggart-Cowan Outstanding Naturalist Alison and Loys Maingon – *CN*

BC Nature Regional Award Gary Hunt – *KNC*
Denis Knopp and Lee Larkin – *NC*
Kathy Masse awarded posthumously – *LFN*
Sharon Niscak – *CN*

Education Award Gail Loughridge - *NONC*

IBA Caretaker Award Chris Dale awarded posthumously - *SECC*

BC Nature Club Service Award Terry Carr – *Delta Naturalists*
Wendy DaDalt – *AMNC*
Lilianne Fuller – *LFN*
Allan Garland – *SONC*
Ray Hornby - *WLFN*
Allan Garland – *CN*
Janet MacIntosh – *WRSN*
Bob Scafe – *NN*

Anne Scarfe - *RPBO*
Dr. Ian Walker - *CONC*
Gareth Pugh, Ryan Usenik, Wim Vesseur, Tom
Wildeboar -*FOSBS*

2024

Elton Anderson Award	Rick Gee – <i>Central Okanagan Naturalists’ Society</i>
BC Nature Regional Award	Margo Hearne & Peter Hamel – <i>Delkatla Sanctuary Society</i>
Daphne Solecki Award	Mandy Ross – <i>Kamloops NatureKids BC</i>
BC Nature Club Service Award	Michael Stebbings – <i>Nature Nanaimo</i> Winnifred Fischer – <i>Kamloops Naturalists</i> Gareth Pugh – <i>Langley Field Naturalists</i> Margaret Bryan – <i>Central Okanagan Naturalists’ Society</i> Esther Johnson – <i>White Rock Surrey Naturalists</i>

2023

Elton Anderson Award	Betty Davison – <i>Malaspina Naturalists</i>
BC Nature Merit Award	Dr. Alan Burger – <i>Nicola Valley Naturalists</i>
McTaggart-Cowan Outstanding Naturalist	Robert Puls – <i>Langley Field Naturalists</i>
Barbara Chapman Award	Heather Tocher – <i>Rocky Point Bird Observatory</i>
BC Nature Education Award	Delta Naturalists Birds and Biodiversity Conservation Strategy Team: <i>A. Murray, T. Carr, N. Brockamp, D. Hoar, G. Brodie, C. McVittie., P. Swanigan</i>
IBA Caretaker	Walter and Susan Thorne – <i>Victoria Natural History Society</i>
BC Nature Regional Award	Sheila Puls – <i>Langley Field Naturalists</i> Phillip Milligan – <i>Friends of Semiahmoo Bay</i> Toni Wycoff – <i>Arrowsmith Naturalists</i>
BC Nature Club Service Award	Peter Ward – <i>Nature Vancouver</i> Sharon Jones – <i>Friends of Semiahmoo Bay</i> Irmgard Ruckheim – <i>Central Okanagan Naturalists’ Society</i> Terry McNiece – <i>Little Campbell Watershed Society</i>

Robert Handfield – *South Okanagan Naturalists Club*

2022

IBA Caretaker

Art Martell – *IBA Caretakers*

BC Nature Recognition Award

Robert Hobson – *Central Okanagan Naturalists Society*

Daphne Solecki Award

Yvonne Dawydiak – *Friends of Semiahmoo Bay*

BC Nature Club Service Award

Theresa Smith – *Central Okanagan Naturalists Society*
Margaret Mackenzie – *North Okanagan Naturalists Society*
Dianne Cooper – *Rocky Mountain Naturalists*

2021

Elton Anderson Award

Dr. Alan Burger – *Nicola Valley Naturalists*

BC Nature Regional Award

Dr. Lynne Brookes – *Arrowsmith Naturalists*

BC Nature Recognition Award

Darlene Hartford – *Bat Educ. & Ecological Protection Soc.*

BC Nature Club Service Award

David Riley – *Little Campbell Watershed Society*
Norbert Maertens – *North Okanagan Naturalist Society*
Anne Gosse – *Langley Field Naturalists*
Mark Bryne – *Rocky Point Bird Observatory*
Carol Milo – *Cowichan Valley Naturalists*

Daphne Solecki Award

Melissa Hafting – *WildResearch*

2020

BC Nature Club Service Award

Roland Gebauer – *Central Okanagan Naturalists'*
Christine and John Saremba – *Burke Mtn. Naturalists*

BC Nature Merit Award

Bev Ramey – *Nature Vancouver*
Anne Murray – *Delta Naturalists*

BC Nature Regional Award

Fred McMechan – *Williams Lake*

BC Nature Volunteer Appreciation Award

Tom Bearss awarded posthumously – *Delta Naturalists*

2019

Elton Anderson Award

Kees Visser – *Salt Spring Trail & Nature Club*

BC Nature Club Service Award Annabelle Rempel – *Chilliwack Field Naturalists*
Alison Moran – *Rocky Pt. Bird Observatory*
Harvey Abraham – *Central Okn. Naturalists Club*

Daphne Solecki Award Elke Wind – *NatureKids Nanaimo*

2018

BC Nature Club Service Award Bob Puls – *Langley Field Nats.*

BC Nature Club Service Award Nigel Peck – *Nature Vancouver*

BC Nature Club Service Award Hank Roos – *Abbotsford-Mission Naturalists*

McTaggart-Cowan Outstanding Naturalist Peter B. McCallister – *Salt Spring Island Trail & Nature*

2017

BC Nature Club Service Award Christine Rock – *WildResearch*

BC Nature Club Service Award Jean Crowe – *Kamloops*

Daphne Solecki Award Cynthia Berg – *Chilliwack Naturalists*

BC Nature Club Service Award Helen Robinson – *Comox Valley Naturalists Society*

BC Nature Volunteer Appreciation Award Christine Galliazzo – *Lillooet Naturalists Society*

BC Nature Recognition Award Orville Dyer – *South Okanagan Naturalists*

2016

Daphne Solecki Award Jannis Delisle – *North Shuswap School – Naturekids*

BC Nature Club Service Award Geof and Jean Hacker – *Delta Naturalists*

BC Nature Education Award Frank Ritcey – *Kamloops Naturalists*

BC Nature Club Service Award John Smith – *Cowichan Valley Naturalists*

BC Nature Recognition Award Vera Vukelich – *Bev Ramey, BCN Executive*

Barbara Chapman Award Jordyn Ems Shay – *SONC*

2015

McTaggart-Cowan Outstanding Naturalist Bill Merilees – *Victoria Natural History Society*

BC Nature Regional Award Anthea Farr – *White Rock Surrey Naturalists*
Genevieve Singleton – *Cowichan Valley Nats.*

Daphne Solecki Award Al Grass – *Langley Field Naturalists*

Volunteer Appreciation Elisa Kreller – *BC Naturalists Foundation*
Krista Englund – *Burke Mtn. Nats.*

Club Service Award Terry Carr – *Delta Naturalists*
Paul Lèvesque – *WildResearch*
Eric Marshall – *Cowichan Valley Nats.*
Jean Gelwicks – *Partners creating Pathways*

2014

Elton Anderson Award John Neville – *Salt Spring Trail & Nature Club*

BC Nature Club Service Award Rick Gee – *CONC*
Tom Bearss – *Delta Naturalists*

Daphne Solecki Award Dr. Enid Elliot – *Camosun College*

BC Nature Regional Award Janne Perrin – *Chilliwack Field Naturalists*

Ian McTaggart-Cowan Outstanding Nat. Joy & Cam Finlay – *Victoria Natural History Society*

BC Nature Recognition Award Eliza Olson – *Burns Bog*
Jim & Midge Wyse – *Burrowing Owl*

2013

Elton Anderson Award Rosemary Fox – *Bulkley Valley*

BC Nature Recognition Award *Peachland Chamber of Commerce*

BC Nature Regional Award Vivian Birch-Jones – *Lillooet Naturalists*

2012

Elton Anderson Award Pat Westheuser – *CONC* – Kelowna

BC Nature Club Service Award Marlene & Mitsuru Hikichi – *SONC* – Summerland
Maggie Little – *Arrowsmith* - Parksville

BC Nature Recognition Award Michelle Hamilton – *CONC* - KLO and ECO Club

Daphne Solecki Award

Alison Bakker – *YNC – Parksville/Qualicum*

BC Nature Regional Award

June Wood – *Nechako Sturgeon*

2011

McTaggart-Cowan Outstanding Naturalist

Anna Roberts – *Williams Lake*

Club Service

Mary Ronback – *Delta Naturalists*

Krista Kaptein – *Comox Valley Naturalists*

Daphne Solecki

Karen Needham – *Vancouver Natural History*

2010

Elton Anderson

Harold King – *Oliver Osoyoos*

McTaggart-Cowan Outstanding Naturalist

Al Grass – *Langley*

Kiyoshi Takahashi – *Burke Mtn*

Regional

Ann Nightingale – *Victoria*

Robert (Bob) Handfield – *Penticton*

Recognition

Mike Roberts – *Okanagan TV media*

Club Service

Susan Weilandt – *Kamloops*

Judy Kilcup – *Delta*

Mike Griffin – *Burke Mtn*

Nature Education

Dave Williams – *Kamloops*

2009

Elton Anderson

Eva Durance – *SONC (Penticton)*

Regional

Ed McDonald – *Shuswap Nats. (Salmon Arm)*

Ron Walker – *Grand Forks*

Recognition

Gail Ross – *BC Parks*

Club Service

Don Guild – *Kamloops Nats.*

Daphne Solecki

Jennifer French – *CONC*

Nature Education

Margaret Cuthbert – *White Rock*

2008

Elton Anderson	Fred McMechan – <i>Williams Lake</i>
McTaggart-Cowan Outstanding Naturalist	Rick Howie – <i>Kamloops</i>
Regional	Ralph Ritcey – <i>Kamloops</i>
Recognition	Richard Armstrong – <i>Traditional ecological knowledge</i>
Club Service	Kim North – <i>Lillooet</i> Hans Laue – <i>Nanose</i>
Daphne Solecki	Kerrie Mortin – <i>Victoria</i>
Nature Education	Joan Kelly – <i>Princeton</i>

2007

Recognition	Harold Baumbrough – <i>Monitoring after Okanagan Mtn Fire</i> Sherri Klein – <i>South Okanagan Rehabilitation Centre for Owls</i>
Club Service	Margaret Graham – <i>Kamloops</i> Val Tinney – <i>Arrowsmith Naturalists</i> Helen Turner – <i>Chilliwack</i>
Barbara Chapman	Rhys Krannitz – <i>Langley</i>
Daphne Solecki	Anthea Farr – <i>Langley</i>
Nature Education	Will Lemmon – <i>Arrowsmith Naturalists</i>
Volunteer Appreciation	Paul Watts – <i>North Shuswap, combating pollution</i>

2006

Elton Anderson	Joan Best – <i>Kamloops</i>
Regional	G. Allen Poynter – <i>Victoria, Delta, then Arrowsmith</i>
Club Service	John MacKenzie – <i>Arrowsmith</i> Nancy Braithwaite – <i>Saltspring</i> Frank Hovenden – <i>Comox Valley</i>

	Victoria Otton – <i>Burke Mountain</i>
Daphne Solecki	James Shaver – <i>South Okanagan</i>
Nature Education	Jack Hammonds – <i>Arrowsmith</i> Betty Brooks – <i>Comox Valley</i>
Volunteer Appreciation	Pamela Zevit – <i>Burke Mountain</i>
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2005	
Elton Anderson	Jeremy McCall – <i>Vancouver</i>
Outstanding Naturalist	Dick & Syd Cannings – <i>South Okanagan</i>
Regional	Heather & John Neville – <i>Kootenays, now Saltspring</i>
Recognition	Rod Silver – <i>HCTF, Naturescape, ProjectWild</i>
Club Service	Anthea Farr – <i>Langley</i> Norma Morton – <i>Comox Valley</i> Dulcie Hamilton – <i>Comox Valley</i>
Daphne Solecki	Judy Wickland – <i>Chilliwack</i>
Volunteer Appreciation	Don McLellan – <i>Vancouver, FBCN treasurer</i> David Lassmann – <i>Squamish, FBCN webmaster</i> Linda Halls – <i>Vancouver, FBCN membership</i>

New Operating Name adopted of BC Nature, but legal name remains Federation of British Columbia Naturalists.

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2004	
Outstanding Naturalist	Malcolm Martin – <i>Vernon</i>
Regional	Ron Speller – <i>Vancouver Island</i> Eva Durance – <i>Penticton, Parks & Protected Areas</i>
Recognition	Stephen Hume – <i>Journalist</i> Blair Acton – <i>Squilax bats public education</i>
Club Service	Rick Howie – <i>Kamloops</i> Barbara Sedgwick – <i>Comox Valley</i> Anne Redfearn – <i>Rocky Mountain</i> Dorothy Beetstra – <i>West Kootenay</i> Rhys and Annabel Griffiths – <i>Langley</i>

Nature Education

Osoyoos Desert Society

*Daphne Solecki Award introduced for persons who have contributed to nature education for children in BC.
New Volunteer Appreciation Award for volunteers serving FBCN in areas other than through their Club or Region. Replaces Special Thanks Award.*

2003

Elton Anderson

Bev Ramey – *Vancouver*

Regional

Gary Davidson – *Arrow Lakes, Nakusp*

Margaret Barwis – *West Kootenay*

Joan Best – *Kamloops*

Recognition

Ross McCutcheon – *Vancouver, lawyer advising FBCN*

Robert Koopmans – *Kamloops – nature/outdoor column*

Club Service

Marie Madsen – *Mitlenatch*

Ralph Ritcey – *Kamloops*

Barbara Chapman

Michael Vaninsberghe – *Victoria*

Outstanding Naturalist Award established for contribution to the knowledge, understanding and appreciation of the natural history of British Columbia. Name change: Knowing Nature becomes Nature Education

2002

Elton Anderson

Anne Murray – *Delta*

Regional

Henk & Johanna Saaltink – *Central Valley- Abbotsford*

Recognition

Scott Alexander, *Kelowna – Park Naturalist*

Club Service

Vi Wilcox – *West Kootenay*

Don Burbidge – *Vermilion Forks*

Rene Saveneye – *White Rock & Surrey (Posthumous)*

Knowing Nature

Central Okanagan Naturalist Club – *Kelowna*

2001

Elton Anderson

Daphne Solecki – *Vancouver*

Regional Club Service

Stewart Clow – *West Kootenay*

Club Service Award

Brenda Balaam – *West Kootenay*

Bircham (Birch) and Mary Van Horne – *Chilliwack*

Betty Lunam – *Comox Valley*
Stan and Lyn Paterson – *Mitlenatch*
Greg Ross – *Rocky Mountain*
Diane Lepawsky – *Vancouver*
Lambie Family (Vi, John & David) – *Mackenzie*
Lesley Keith – *Squamish*

Knowing Nature

The Osprey Survey Team – *Nelson Naturalists*

2000

Elton Anderson

Allan Brooks – *Pender Island, Comox, Mitlenatch*

Recognition

Judie Steeves – *Kelowna Capital News reporter*
Dr. Neil MacRae – *Kamloops & Wildlife Park*
(posthumous)

Club Service

Annabelle Rempel – *Chilliwack*
Harold King – *Oliver-Osoyoos*
Karen McLaren – *Kamloops*
John Harris – *White Rock and Surrey*

Barbara Chapman

Emily Ferguson – *Kamloops*

New Regional Award introduced to a member who has served with dedication, devotion and energy to further the Federation (BC Nature) across his or her Region.

1999

Elton Anderson

Ted Stubbs – *Vancouver re exploratory camps*

Recognition

Rhonda Millikin – *CWS – Migration Monitoring*

Club Service

Marie Pearson – *Prince George*
Sandra Gray – *Arrowsmith*

Knowing Nature

Dr. E. Chris Pielou – *Comox Nature*

1998

Elton Anderson

Audrey Hoeg – *Cowichan (now 108 Mile House)*

Recognition

Municipality of Saanich – *Environmental Planner*

Club Service

Betty Barnes – *Arrowsmith*
Jack Robinson – *Kamloops*
Meredith Thornton – *Timberline - Dawson Creek*

Knowing Nature Art Gruenig – *Rocky Mountain*
Lynn Vardeman – *Establishing Stanley Park Nature House*

Outstanding Service Jude Grass – *20+ years editing BC Naturalist, two terms president*

1997

Recognition Walter Volovsek – *West Kootenay*
South Okanagan Rehabilitation Centre for Owls – *Oliver*

Club Service Madelon Schouten – *Vermilion Forks- Princeton*
Tom Gillespie – *Victoria*
Glenda Ross – *South Okanagan*
Johanna Saaltink – *Central Valley - Abbotsford*

Barbara Chapman Gordon Gadsen – *Chilliwack*
Kyle Elliott – *Vancouver*

Knowing Nature Sherri Klein – *South Okanagan school group education*

1996

Elton Anderson Frances Vyse – *Kamloops*

Recognition Myrtle Hogan – *Abbotsford, Donation of woodland*
Mladen Komnenic – *Vancouver, for computer skills*
Jake Kimberley – *Mayor Penticton, Waterfront project*
Tim Wood – *Administrator Penticton, Waterfront project*

Club Service Don and Norma Gillespie – *Burke Mountain*
Ellen Schoen – *Timberline - Dawson Creek*
Glenn Ryder – *Central Valley - Abbotsford*
Dennis Knopp and Lee Larkin – *Chilliwack*
Tom Dickinson – *Kamloops*

Knowing Nature Mary Lou Tapson-Jones – *Shuswap, Botanist*

1995

Club Service Frank and Doris Kime – *Shuswap - Salmon Arm*
Karen Willies – *Kamloops*
Syd Watts – *Cowichan Valley*

Ruth Keogh – *White Rock & Surrey*
Mildred White – *Rocky Mountain*
Sylvia Pincott – *Central Valley- Abbotsford (now Pender Is)*
Len Goldsmith – *Squamish*
Rolf and Heather Kellerhals – *Mitlenatch*

Barbara Chapman

Jamie Fenneman – *Comox-Strathcona*

Knowing Nature

Williams Lake Field Naturalists – Scout Island Nature Centre

1994

Elton Anderson

Duanne Vandenberg – *Alouette*

Recognition (Special Service)

Stephen Owen – *Chair of CORE process*

Club Service

Sandrina Rathbone – *North Shuswap*
Vera Gotlieb – *North Shuswap*
April Mol – *Burke Mountain*
Gladys Brown – *Chilliwack*
Deanne and Kathleen Munro – *Shuswap*
Linda Van Damme – *Nelson*
Kathy Reimer – *Saltspring*

Barbara Chapman

Chris Sandham – *Vancouver*
Rolf Harrison – *Pender Harbour*
Ryan Austman – *Burke Mountain*
Christopher Charlesworth – *Central Okanagan*

Knowing Nature

Terri Martin & Members of Arrowsmith Naturalists

1993

Recognition (Special Service)

Neil Dawe – *CWS and spearheading Brant festival*

Club Service

Fiona Flook – *Saltspring (now Central Okanagan)*
Ros Eldridge – *Kamloops*
Betty Lunam – *Comox-Strathcona (now Victoria)*
Elaine Golds – *Burke Mountain*
Mary Louise Macdonald – *White Rock & Surrey*
Jack Williams – *White Rock & Surrey*

Knowing Nature

Comox-Strathcona Naturalists ?

1992

Elton Anderson

Frank Paul – *North Okanagan*

Recognition (Special Service)

Dr. Barry Leach – *Lower Fraser wetlands and waterfowl*

21 students & three teachers – David Thompson High School in Invermere for interactive video “*Infinite Field Trip*”, produced over four years showing SE BC natural history

Club Service

Frances McPherson – *Mitlenatch Field Naturalists*

Valerie May Whetter – *Chilliwack*

Frances and Allan Guinet – *Chilliwack*

John Toochn – *Vancouver*

Beryl Cunningham – *Alouette*

Anne Murray – *Delta*

Tom Bates – *White Rock & Surrey*

1991

Elton Anderson

Joe Lotzkar – *Vancouver*

Recognition (Special Service)

Dr. David Suzuki – *Communicating science & conservation*

R. Wayne Campbell – *BC Nest Records & Birds of B.C.*

Club Service

Mary Pastrick – *Langley*

Madelon Schouten – *White Rock & Surrey Naturalists*

Daphne Smith – *White Rock and Surrey*

Christine Hanrahan – *Burke Mountain*

1990

Elton Anderson

Dr. Jim Lunam – *Comox-Strathcona*

Recognition (Special Service)

Paul Smith – *The Nature Trust BC. Conservation Foundation*

Club Service

Pauline Tranfield – *Arrowsmith*

Ron Walker – *Boundary Grand Forks*

Brian Self – *Vancouver*

Birch Van Horne – *Chilliwack*

Barbara Chapman

Jolie Fitzgerald – *Black Creek*

Knowing Nature

Shuswap Naturalists Club

Special Thanks

Adeline Nicol – *Langley, FBCN staff*

1989

Elton Anderson

Jude Grass – *Burke Mountain*

Recognition (Special Service)

Roger Hunter

Club Service

Kay Bartholomew – *North Okanagan*
McLaren Family- Karen, Art and Muriel – *Kamloops*
Martha Harding – *White Rock and Surrey*
Fred McMechan – *Williams Lake*
Anna Roberts – *Williams Lake*

Barbara Chapman

Tessa Campbell – *Victoria*

Knowing Nature Award established 1989 for an individual or club that has carried out a project or projects that has added to the knowledge of the natural history of the province (later becomes Nature Education).

1988

Elton Anderson

Peter Legg – *North Okanagan*

Recognition (Special Service)

Robin Campbell – *North Island Wildlife Recovery Association*

Club Service

Joan E. Heriot – *North Okanagan*
Malcolm Martin – *North Okanagan*
Dr. Ken Langelier – *Nanaimo*

Barbara Chapman

Richard Wakelam – *Vancouver*

1987

Elton Anderson

Dr. Richard (Dick) Stace-Smith – *Vancouver*

Recognition (Special Service)

Dr. Bert Hoffmeister – *The Nature Trust*

Club Service

Edna Slater – *Cowichan Valley*
Joan and Jim Burbidge – *Central Okanagan*
Howard Telosky – *Mitlenatch*
Bill and Dorothy Van Dieren – *Nanaimo*
Charlie Trotter – *Victoria*
Harold Pollock – *Victoria*

Barbara Chapman

Stephen Joly – *100 Mile House*

1986

Elton Anderson

Dr. Katherine (Kay) Beamish – *Vancouver*

Recognition (Special Service)

Rod Silver – *Habitat Conservation Trust Fund*
Dr. J. Bristol Foster – *Ecological Reserves*

Club Service

Jack Gregson – *Kamloops*
Frances Vyse – *Williams Lake (and now Kamloops)*
Nell Whellams – *Comox-Strathcona*
Wilma Robinson – *Alouette*

Barbara Chapman

Julian Sturhahn – *Cowichan Valley*

1985

Elton Anderson

Dr. Vernon C. (Bert) Brink – *Vancouver*

Recognition (Special Service)

Bill Munro – *Ministry of Environment Wildlife Branch*

Club Service

Dave & June McFarland – *South Okanagan*
Bill Huxley – *Kamloops*
David Aldcroft – *Vancouver*

Special Thanks

Marjory Smith – *FBCN Recording Secretary*

Barbara Chapman

Karl Perrin – *Agassiz*

1984

Elton Anderson

Nancy Anderson – *West Kootenay*

Recognition (Special Service)

Ken Farquharson – *Skagit conservation*
Tom Perry – *Skagit conservation*
Iva Mann – *University Endowment Lands*
May Brown – *University Endowment Lands*

Club Service

Margaret Barwis – *West Kootenay Naturalists*
Peggy & Vic Goodwill – *Victoria*
Fred McMechan – *Williams Lake*
Birch Van Horne – *Nature Chilliwack*

Barbara Chapman

Janice Tomlinson – *Victoria*

Special Thanks Award established for those persons, whether members or outside the Federation (BC Nature), whose outstanding contribution, though not made through a Club or Region, is, nevertheless, of great value to the Federation (BC Nature).

1983

Elton Anderson

Norman (Norm) Pursell – *Vancouver*

Recognition (Special Service)

Tony Eberts – *Outdoor Editor Vancouver Sun*

In 1983 the Elton Anderson trophy introduced, a carved wolverine by Arnold Mikelson of White Rock.

1982

Elton Anderson

Jim Grant – *North Okanagan*

Recognition (Special Service)

Barry Leach – *Wetlands, Lower Fraser & Boundary Bay waterfowl*

George Whitehead – *West Kootenay*

Club Service

Ruth Barnett – *Mitlenatch*

Special Thanks

Natalie Minunzie – *Langley*

Barbara Chapman

Mark Daly – *Victoria*

1981

Elton Anderson

Jean & Steve Cannings – *South Okanagan*

Club Service

Hazel & Jim Street – *West Kootenay*

Betty McKinnon – *Cowichan*

Howard Ede – *Central Okanagan*

New award, the Barbara Chapman Award, established 1982 in memory of a member of Victoria Natural History Society who was killed by a bear while working in Glacier National Park, to be awarded to a young naturalist under the age of 18 who has shown interest in and has made a contribution to the appreciation and understanding of the natural environment.

1980

Elton Anderson

Bill Merilees – *Nanaimo*

1979

Elton Anderson

Madelon Schouten – *White Rock and Surrey*

Recognition (Special Service)

C.P. (Ches) Lyons – *Author Trees, Shrubs & Flowers*

Club Service

Peter Van Kerkoeler – *Nanaimo*

Slim Kemp – *Kamloops*

Kay Smith – *Vancouver*

1978

Elton Anderson

Phyllis Capes – *Comox-Strachcona*

In 1978 new annual awards established: Club Service for outstanding service to a club at the local level. Recognition (special service or outstanding contribution) awarded for contributions to understanding and appreciation of natural history in BC and usually awarded to a non-member.

1977

Elton Anderson

Violet Gibbard, *South Okanagan*

The Elton Anderson Award was established to recognize the service of a member of the Federation (BC Nature) who has emulated, to a profound degree, the dedication, devotion and energy exhibited by former President, Elton Anderson, to further the Federation (BC Nature) across the province.