

2009 Doris Huestis Speirs Award
for Outstanding Contributions to Canadian Ornithology
Mr. Clive E. Goodwin

The Doris Huestis Speirs Award is the most prestigious award of the Society of Canadian Ornithologists and is presented annually to an individual who has made outstanding lifetime contributions to Canadian ornithology. It is with great pleasure that the Society of Canadian Ornithologists presents the 2009 Doris Huestis Speirs Award to Mr. Clive Goodwin.

Clive immigrated to Canada from his native England in 1949 at the age of 20. He gained an encyclopedic knowledge of Canadian birds, and went on to apply that knowledge to make many wonderful contributions to conservation, science and public education, especially in his home province of Ontario.

In the area of conservation, Clive served as the Executive Director of the Conservation Council of Ontario, a Board Member for the Federation of Ontario Naturalists and Toronto Ornithological Club, President of the Toronto Field Naturalists and a Trustee of the James L. Ballie Memorial Fund. He was instrumental in the development of many major conservation initiatives, including Birdlife International's Presqu'ile Important Bird Areas project, the Presqu'ile Provincial Park Management Plan and the Lone Pine Marsh Management Plan.

Clive is widely known for his significant accomplishments in enhancing the public's knowledge and awareness of birds. He published five guides to Bird-Finding in Ontario, served as an editor of four natural history periodicals ("The Ontario Field Biologist" "The Young Naturalist", "The Federation of Ontario Naturalist Bulletin" and "The Ontario Naturalist"), wrote the Ontario Regional Reports in "American Birds" for many years, and wrote numerous articles on birds. With his wife, Joyce, he taught bird identification courses at Seneca and Humber Community Colleges, the Civic Garden Centre in Toronto, and several public libraries.

Clive has made invaluable contributions to ornithology through collecting and managing key data on bird occurrences and numbers. He was the organizer and first Chair of the Ontario Ornithological Records Committee, and started the innovative and extremely useful electronic database, "Birds of

Northumberland County”, which now contains nearly 300,000 records. He was on the Management Committee for the first Ontario Breeding Bird Atlas and a Regional Coordinator for the second. He has also been a long-time participant in Breeding Bird Surveys, Midwinter Waterfowl Inventories and Christmas Bird Counts.

The Society of Canadian Ornithologists is pleased to honor Mr. Clive Goodwin for his outstanding contributions to Canadian ornithology.

The D.H. Speirs Award Selection Committee for 2009 includes Mark Brigham, Bob Clark, Greg Robertson and Marty Leonard (chair).