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Education: B.A. Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario 1970

PhD Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario 1976

Thesis: *Reproductive Strategies of the Lesser Snow Goose, Anser caerulescens c.*

Work Experience:

1975-76 Lombard North Group, Calgary, Alberta. Consulting Biologist

As principal ornithological consultant for this company, involved in collecting data and providing advice to oil companies and the Berger Enquiry on the impacts of developing oil and gas reserves in Canada's arctic.

1976-77 LGL Ltd., Edmonton, Alberta. Consulting Biologist

This work was a continuation of Arctic related work but it expanded my field experience to the eastern Arctic and gave me the opportunity to do some studies on marine mammals.

**1977-80 Native Affairs Biologist, Canadian Wildlife Service (CWS)
Ottawa**

Responsible for estimating the harvest of ducks and geese by native people in Canada and providing advice on hunting and wildlife management policy.

1980-84 Chief, Migratory Birds Program Coordination, CWS, Ottawa

This position was responsible for coordinating the national CWS program related to migratory birds conservation, for leading in the development of national policy and programs and for external liaison functions

1985-2004 Director, Canadian Wildlife Service, Atlantic Region, Sackville, New Brunswick

This position was responsible for implementing CWS programs in the four Atlantic provinces of Canada.

2004-Present President, Bird Studies Canada(BSC)

As Chief Executive Officer of a national non-profit environmental conservation organization, the President reports to a national Board of Directors and manages a staff of approximately 40 located across the country. Headquarters is in Port Rowan where over half of the staff are located.

Major programs of BSC include:

- Long Point Bird Observatory
- Christmas Bird Count
- endangered species recovery
- Breeding Bird Atlases
- Research

Major Awards

Prime Minister's Outstanding Achievement Award-1999

The senior award of the Canadian Civil Service awarded annually to 5 individuals on the basis of career achievements and leadership abilities. The award cited my accomplishments in the development of innovative programs and in the creation of partnerships.

Collaborators

All Bird Studies Canada researchers; Phil Taylor(Acadia University); Chris Gugliamo(University of Western Ontario); Keith Hobosn, Jean-Pierre Savard, Kathy Martin; Charles Francis(all of Environment Canada);