

Professor John Croxall CBE FRS
Biographical Notes



Educated at:

- (i) Royal Grammar School, Newcastle and King Edward's School, Birmingham
- (ii) The Queen's College, Oxford
- (iii) University of Auckland, New Zealand

Academic career started at the University of Newcastle as Senior Research Officer and Director of the Oiled Seabird Research Unit (1972-76). This provided the springboard to move to British Antarctic Survey in 1976 to set up a new unit on bird and mammal research, subsequently expanded to include higher predators generally and eventually to comprise conservation biology as well.

Over 30 years and nearly 1,000 publications, the unit became arguably the world's premier group researching interactions between seabirds and seals and their prey and environment, including man. They pioneered the recognition of the keystone role of seabirds and marine mammals as consumers of marine resources, new understanding of the foraging (especially diving) capacity of these species and revolutionised knowledge of the migrations of penguins, seals and seabirds. In recent years the group also focused particularly on interactions with commercial fisheries, notably involving seals and albatrosses, the latter leading to major advances in (and an international campaign for) avoiding or minimising threats to their survival.

John Croxall has served on many national and international committees, notably as President of the British Ornithologists' Union and Chairman of Council of the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds and has received numerous awards, including election as a Fellow of the Royal Society and appointment as CBE. He retired in 2006 but is still active in the conservation and management of marine systems, especially as Chair of the Global Seabird Programme of BirdLife International and as a member of the High Seas Task Force of IUCN.



John Patrick CROXALL

DATE OF BIRTH	19.01.1946
1952-1957	Royal Grammar School, Newcastle-upon-Tyne
1957 - 1964	King Edward's School, Birmingham
1964 - 1968	Open Scholarship, The Queen's College, Oxford
1968	BA (First Class Honours) in Zoology, University of Oxford
1968 - 1971	Commonwealth Post-graduate Scholarship, University of Auckland, New Zealand
1971	PhD in Zoology, University of Auckland
1972 - 1975	Senior Research Associate in Zoology and Director, Oiled Seabird Research Unit, Department of Zoology, University of Newcastle-upon-Tyne
1976 - 2006	Head, Birds and Mammals Section, British Antarctic Survey :
1979	Principal Scientific Officer
1985	Individual Merit Promotion to Senior Principal Scientific Officer (Grade 6)
1992	Individual Merit Promotion to Deputy Chief Scientific Officer (Grade 5)
Honours and Awards	
1984	Scientific Medal, Zoological Society of London
1990	Member, International Ornithological Committee
1992	Polar Medal
1995-1999	President, British Ornithologists' Union
1995	President's Medal, British Ecological Society
1997	Robert Cushman Murphy Prize and Medal, International Waterbird Society
1998	Witherby Lecturer, British Trust for Ornithology
1998 -	Honorary Professor, University of Birmingham
1998 -	Honorary Professor, University of Durham
1998-2003	Chairman of Council, Royal Society for the Protection of Birds
1998-2006	Permanent Executive, International Ornithological Committee
2000	Marsh Award for Conservation, Zoological Society of London
2004	CBE
2004	Godman-Salvin Medal, British Ornithologists' Union
2004	Polar Medal: Second Clasp
2004	Honorary Fellow, American Ornithologists' Union
2005	FRS

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315 refereed books and papers
125 other papers and reports

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