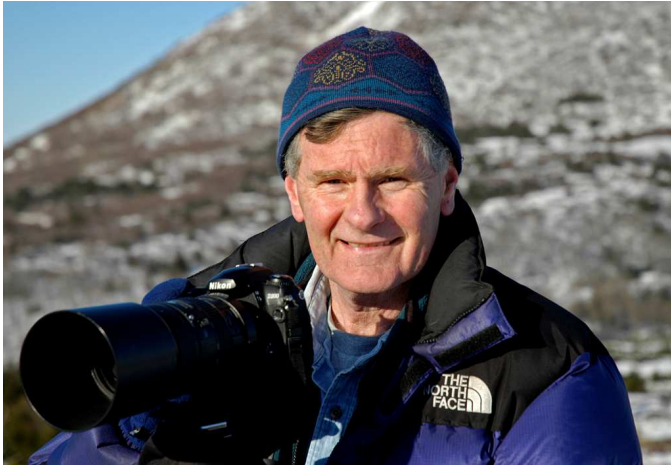


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Prior to joining Audubon in 1997, John worked for the Alaska Department of Fish and Game's Division of Wildlife Conservation for 20 years. First, he was a

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John serves as an Affiliate Professor of Wildlife Biology at the University of Alaska Fairbanks and is a past president of the Alaska Chapter of The Wildlife Society. John has also served as Vice President of the Board of Directors of the Alaska SeaLife Center, on the International Conservation Union's Bear Specialist Group, and on the Executive Council of the International Association for Bear Research and Management. He has published more than 50 scientific and popular articles on Alaska wildlife issues. John is a pilot and has flown over most of the state both for Audubon Alaska and as a former wildlife biologist with the State of Alaska.

In 1994, John received the Olaus Murie Award from the Alaska Conservation Foundation for his exemplary professional contribution to conservation in Alaska. In 2000 he received the Northwest Section of The Wildlife Society's Einarsen Award for outstanding service to the wildlife profession, and in 2006 he was selected as a Wildlife Society Fellow. In 2008, he received the Wilburforce Foundation's Conservation Leadership Award to honor his exceptional leadership in the conservation movement.