

park pioneer

Bert Brink b. 1912 d. 2007

Bert worked for more than seven decades to understand and protect BC's environment. He published papers in over 200 journals and taught courses in genetics, agronomy and rangeland management at UBC. As a conservationist, his gentle persistence and level-headed reasoning won the hearts and minds of supporters in many areas, including politics, business, and agriculture. An enthusiastic camper and mountaineer throughout his life, Bert was known as a "walking encyclopaedia" for the natural history of BC. His unrivaled expertise, warmth and dedication inspired hundreds of students and colleagues and resulted in major advances for environmental conservation. Bert's legacy runs deep throughout the province.



Affiliations:

UBC – B.Sc. Agriculture, M.Sc.
Faculty member in Plant Science and Agronomy, Chair of the Division of Plant Science, Professor Emeritus
University of Wisconsin - Ph.D. Applied plant physiology
Nature Vancouver - President, Founder and Chair of Conservation Committee
BC Nature - Founding Member, President
Agricultural Land Commission - Commissioner
Nature Trust of B.C. - Director
Habitat Conservation Trust Fund - Founding Director and Vice Chair
Van Dusen Botanical Garden
Parks Legacy Panel

Parks:

South Chilcotin Provincial Park
Tweedsmuir Provincial Park
Wells Gray Provincial Park
Cathedral Provincial Park
Garibaldi Provincial Park
Pacific Spirit Park
Stanley Park
Burns Bog, Camosun Bog
Reifel Migratory Bird Sanctuary
Alaksen National Wildlife Area
Ecological reserves throughout B.C.

Awards & Recognitions:

Douglas H. Pimlott Conservation Award
Canadian Nature Federation
Order of BC, inaugural recipient
Order of Canada
J.B. Harkin Medal for Conservation
Queen Elizabeth II Golden Jubilee Medal, inaugural recipient
Lieutenant-Governor's Conservation Award
UNC Distinguished Alumni Award

Top Left: Bert with his camera.

Top Right: Bert on Joe Mountain (Photos provided by Aubin Stewart)

Above:
Adapted from a photo of Bert at the Elders Council (Photo courtesy of Rod Silver)

Background image:
South Chilcotin Provincial Park (Photo: Bev Ramey)

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