



LWF Conservation Award Winners since Program Inception

Note: Program was paused in 2020 and 2021 due to the COVID pandemic response. List updated December 2022.

LWF Conservationist of the Year beginning 2020 and LWF Governor's Award Recipients through 2019

- 1963 – Richard K. Yancey (Professional) - LDWF
& Charles F. Buckley (Non-Professional) - LWF/RWA
- 1964 – Bryant A. Bateman (Educator) - LSU
- 1965 – Walter N. Day (Volunteer) - LWF/Bonnet Carre' Rod & Gun Club
- 1966 – Leslie L. Glasgow (Professional) - LDWF
- 1967 – Captain Charles Sebastian (Volunteer)
- 1968 – Robert A. Lafleur (Professional) - LDWF Stream Control Commission
- 1969 – Joe L. Herring (Professional) - LDWF
- 1970 – Richard K. Yancey (Professional) - LDWF
- 1971 – Richard W. Bryan, Jr. (Volunteer) - Rapides Wildlife Association
- 1972 – John D. Newsom (Professional) - LSU/USF&WS
- 1973 – J. Burton Angelle (Professional) - LDWF
- 1974 – Edgar F. Veillon (Volunteer) - Jefferson Rod & Gun Club
- 1975 – John R. Hammond (Volunteer)
- 1976 – Robert H. Chabreck (Educator) - LSU
- 1977 – Baton Rouge Sportsmen's League (Organization)
- 1978 – Charles W. Bosch, Jr. (Professional) - LWF
- 1979 – Edgar F. Veillon (Volunteer) - Jefferson Rod & Gun Club/LWF
- 1980 – Kenneth C. Smith (Professional) - LDWF
- 1981 – H. M. "Mike" Cook (Communicator) - State Times
- 1982 – Robert S. Marshall, Jr. (Communicator) - Times Picayune
- 1983 – William A. Fontenot (Professional) - La. Dept. of Justice
- 1984 – W. Guthrie Perry, Jr. (Professional) - LDWF
- 1985 – Oliver A. Houck (Educator) - Tulane University
- 1986 – William H. Herke (Professional) - LSU/USF&WS
- 1987 – Robert W. Strader (Professional) - USF&WS
- 1988 – Nancy Jo Craig (Professional) - Louisiana Nature Conservancy
- 1989 – Wilma A. Subra (Professional) - Subra Company
- 1990 – Paul H. Templet (Professional) - DEQ
- 1991 – Jean T. Westbrook (Volunteer) - Women for a Better Louisiana
- 1992 – East Ascension Sportsman's League (Organization)
- 1993 – Charles W. "Bill" Savant (Professional) - NRCS
- 1994 – Representative Edward J. Deano, Jr. (Elected Official)
- 1995 – Elvis J. Cavalier (Educator) - Labadieville Middle School
- 1996 – Danny W. Britt (Professional) - Kisatchie
- 1997 – James Kelby Ouchley (Professional) - USF&WS

LWF Conservationist of the Year, LWF Governor's Award Recipients

(continued)

1998 – Senator Michael R. Robichaux, M.D. (Elected Official)
1999 – Martha Ann Messinger & George M. Patton (Volunteer)
2000 – Ben A. Taylor (Volunteer) - Lake Pontchartrain Basin Foundation
2001 – Suzanne R. Hawes (Professional) - USACE
2002 – Friends of Black Bayou (Organization)
2003 – Mark Schleifstein (Communicator) - Times Picayune
2004 – Senator Joe McPherson (Elected Official)
2005 – B. E. M. Skerrett, III (Volunteer) - Atchafalaya Basin Program
2006 – Gay Brantley (Educator) - USF&WS
2007 – Chris Pehler (Professional) - DEQ
2008 – Leonard Bahr (Communicator) - LaCoastPost.com
2009 – Tab Benoit (Communicator) - Voice of the Wetlands
2010 – Ted Falgout (Professional)
2011 – Louisiana Public Broadcasting for “Turning the Tide” documentary (Communicator)
2012 – John Walther (Volunteer)
2013 – Garrett Graves
2014 – Robert “Bob” Love
2015 – Danica Williams
2016 – Apache Corporation
2017 – Bren Haase
2018 – Katherine Gividen
2019 – Category suspended due to COVID pandemic
2020 – Program paused due to COVID pandemic
2021 – Program paused due to COVID pandemic

Professional Conservationist of the Year

1964 – Lyle St. Amant, PhD (fisheries); Richard K. Yancey (wildlife)
1965 –
1966 – Charles W. Bosch, Jr. (wildlife); John E. Trygg (water); Robert W. McDermid (forest)
1967 – William F. Mann (forest); J. M. Menefee (water); Alton Mangum (soil)
1968 –
1969 – Charles Van Carlton (wildlife); Sam Frisby (forest)
1970 – Joe L. Herring (wildlife); Gladney Davidson (water); Wayne Fallon (soil)
1971 – John J. Lynch (wildlife); Nugent T. Brasher (water)
1972 – John D. Newsom (wildlife); Robert E. Murray, Sr. (water)
1973 – James W. Avault, Jr., Ph D
1974 – Janice S. Hughes
1975 – Louis E. Brunett
1976 – John Dale Givens
1977 – Sandra S. Thompson
1978 – Dave Hall
1979 – Bobby T. Walker
1980 – Ronald Jude Dugas

Professional Conservationist of the Year (continued)

1981 – David L. Hall
1982 – Dewey W. Wills
1983 – Allan B. Ensminger
1984 –
1985 – James Theodore "Ted" Joanen
1986 – Bob Joslin
1987 – Villere C. Reggio, Jr.
1988 – John C. Glenn
1989 – M. Wade Byrd
1990 – Maureen O'Neill
1991 –
1992 – Randalle Hunt Moore
1993 –
1994 –
1995 – Steve Mathies, Ph D
1996 – Esther Boykin
1997 – Col. William Connor
1998 – Bill Good, Ph.D
1999 – Sandra S. Thompson
2000 –
2001 – William "Bill" Fontenot
2002 – Jack C. Caldwell
2003 – Robert E. Stewart, Jr.
2004 – Chad James Courville
2005 – Noel W. Kinler
2006 – William K. "Kirk" Rhinehart
2007 – John A. Lopez, Ph.D
2008 – John Pitre
2009 – Scott A. Angelle
2010 – Michael Carloss
2011 – Thomas J. Hess, Jr.
2012 – Michael Balboni
2013 –
2014 – Stacy Leah Scarce
2015 – Christopher Reid
2016 – Theryn Henkel, PhD
2017 –
2018 –
2019 –
2020 – Program paused due to COVID pandemic
2021 – Program paused due to COVID pandemic

Volunteer Conservationist of the Year

1964 – Chuck Buckley
1965 –
1966 – Richard Thompson (soil)
1967 – Walt Day
1968 –
1969 –
1970 – Ralph R. Kling, Sr.
1971 – Francis Braud
1972 – Carl Fontenot
1973 – Henry A. Bernard, Jr.
1974 – Jerry B. McLain
1975 – Jack Surles
1976 – Kathleen Hains
1977 – Gerry Waguespack
1978 – Congressman Jerry Huckaby
1979 – A. Foster "Foxy" Sanders, III
1980 – Robert F. Hereford, Jr.
1981 – Jim Hall
1982 – Markham A. "Skipper" Dickson, Jr.
1983 – Donald P. Landry
1984 – Gerry Waguespack
1985 – Marc Dupuy, Jr.
1986 – Harold Schoeffler
1987 – Frank B. Williams
1988 – David W. Boudreaux
1989 – Michael J. Caire, M.D.
1990 – Edgar F. Veillon
1991 – Brenda Davis
1992 – Ernest Gammon & Sid Sanders
1993 – Barbara A. Dodds
1994 – Myrtle Dubea
1995 – Steven P. Hawkins, Sr.
1996 – Edgar F. Veillon
1997 – Mark B. Becker, Sr.
1998 – Katherine C. Richardelle
1999 – Noel A. Thistlethwaite
2000 – Michael X. St. Martin
2001 – Julie Landreneau
2002 – Paul M. Dickson
2003 – James Walker Moore, Jr.
2004 – Ann Bloxom Smith
2005 – Thad Bellow
2006 – Charles & Susan Allen
2007 – Carrie Brown
2008 – R. King Milling
2009 – Charles Caillouet, Jr.
2010 – Kenneth Sayes
2011 – Dr. George L. Dugal

Volunteer Conservationist of the Year (continued)

2012 –
2013 – Nathaniel Klumb
2014 – Adam & Lisa Willard
2015 – Pamela Kay Connery
2016 – Ronald Coco
2017 – Edward Bodker
2018 – Sherrill Sagrera
2019 – Ryan Lambert
2020 – Program paused due to COVID pandemic
2021 – Program paused due to COVID pandemic

Youth Conservationist(s) and Youth Organization of the Year

1964 – Edgar R. Butts & Glen Tidwell
1965 –
1966 –
1967 – Golden Meadow Jr. High School
1968 –
1969 – Golden Meadow Lower Elementary & Junior High Schools
1970 – Youth for Conservation
1971 – Explorer Scout Post 31
1972 – Evergreen Jr. High School Wildlife & Conservation Club
1973 – Lee High School Ecology Club
1974 – Golden Meadow Jr. High School
1975 – Mark Paker
1976 – Earl "Skeet" Hodgkins, Jr.
1977 – Gregory R. Hunter
1978 – Raceland Junior High School, Conservation Club
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1984 – Glen Rayburn Merrell
1985 – Raceland Junior High School, Conservation Club
1986 –
1987 –
1988 –
1989 – Park Ridge Elementary 4th and 5th grade gifted
1990 – Boy Scout Troop 405
1991 –
1992 – Raceland Junior High School FFA
1993 – Holy Cross School, Project Fight Urban Runoff
1994 –
1995 – Joseph Robert Jowers
1996 – Labadieville Middle School
1997 – LSU Lab School Environmental Club

Youth Conservationist(s) and Youth Organization of the Year (continued)

(Beginning in 2019 there is a category for individual and for organization)

- 1998 – Student Environmental Awareness Club
- 1999 – Marla Elizabeth Adam
- 2000 –
- 2001 – Oak Grove Primary School Tag Students
- 2002 – Blake Martin Whittington
- 2003 – Ascension Parish Youth Council
- 2004 – Boy Scouts of America Troop 405
- 2005 – Kellon Lee
- 2006 – Anna Kathryn Whittington
- 2007 – John Hooper
- 2008 – Lafayette 4H Junior Leader Club
- 2009 – Lafayette Middle School Environmental Science Academy
- 2010 – Future Leaders of America’s Gulf
- 2011 – Amite River Preservation Association
- 2012 – KidsLoveTheGulf.org
- 2013 – Sean Turner
- 2014 –
- 2015 – Taylor Renee Wagner
- 2016 – Connor Patrick Arthur
- 2017 – Red River National Wildlife Refuge Youth Conservation Corps
- 2018 – Audubon Nature Institute Youth Volunteer Corps
- 2019 – LDWF Archery in Louisiana Schools Program; Eric Vanbergen
- 2020 – Program paused due to COVID pandemic
- 2021 – Program paused due to COVID pandemic

Conservation Corporation/Business of the Year

- 1970 – International Paper Company
- 1971 – Shell Norco Refining
- 1972 –
- 1973 –
- 1974 –
- 1975 – Crown Zellerbach Corporation
- 1976 – Exxon Company, U.S.A.
- 1977 – Union Carbide Corporation
- 1978 – E. I. Depont de Nemours and Company, Pontchartrain Works
- 1979 – Kaiser Aluminum and Chemical Corporation
- 1980 – Norco Manufacturing Complex
- 1981 – International Paper Company
- 1982 –
- 1983 – Tenneco LaTerre Company, Inc.
- 1984 –
- 1985 – Williams, Inc.
- 1986 –

Conservation Corporation/Business of the Year (continued)

1987 –
1988 – Conoco, Inc.
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1991 – Anheuser-Busch, Inc.
1992 – Opelousas General Hospital
1993 – The Dow Chemical Company
1994 – Cajun Electric Power Cooperative
1995 – International Paper
1996 – Vulcan Chemicals
1997 – Conoco, Inc.
1998 –
1999 – Cleco Corporation
2000 –
2001 – Marathon Ashland Petroleum, LLC
2002 – BP America Production Company
2003 – Roy O. Martin Lumber Company
2004 – Shell Pipeline Company
2005 – Architecture +
2006 – Kleinpeter Farms Dairy
2007 – Forest Capital Partners, LLC
2008 –
2009 – Bob’s Tree Preservation, Inc.
2010 – ExxonMobil Baton Rouge Complex
2011 – ConocoPhillips
2012 – Marsh Dog, LLC
2013 – Pastorek Habitats, LLC
2014 – Chevron
2015 – ORA Estuaries
2016 –
2017 –
2018 – CITGO Petroleum Corporation
2019 – Edison Chouest Offshore
2020 – Program paused due to COVID pandemic
2021 – Program paused due to COVID pandemic

Conservation Educator of the Year

1966 – Carroll D. Goulas
1967 – Ralf T. Wall
1968 –
1969 – Genevieve S. Cousins
1970 – John Paul Culpepper
1971 – Edison Rebstock, Jr.
1972 – Joe L. Herring
1973 – Roland Joseph Treubig
1974 – Dr. George Lowery

Conservation Educator of the Year (continued)

1975 – Ms. Jackie McCorkle
1976 – Charles Robert "Bob" Stevens
1977 – Hugh M. Burts
1978 – Larry de la Bretonne, Jr.
1979 – Leonard J. St. Pierre
1980 – Leonard St. Pierre
1981 – Alfred O. Tucker, Jr.
1982 – Jonathan L. Classock
1983 – Leonard St. Pierre
1984 –
1985 – Paul Jackson
1986 – Robert Allen Thomas, Ph.D.
1987 – Martha Madden
1988 – Robert N. Broussard
1989 – Robert H. Chabreck
1990 – Derrill J. Heurtin
1991 – Lyle M. Soniat
1992 – Dr. Arthur S. Allen
1993 – Robert W. Hastings, Ph.D.
1994 – Sue Ellen Lyons
1995 –
1996 – Emily B. Young
1997 – Louisiana Hunter Education Section
1998 – Gregory M. Grandy
1999 – Tensas River NWR Instructor Corps
2000 –
2001 – Barry J. Guillot
2002 – Melissa M. Whittington
2003 – Louisiana Seagrass Extension Communications Committee
2004 – Barry J. Guillot
2005 – Rex H. Caffey, Ph.D
2006 – Mark Schexnayder
2007 – Barry J. Guillot
2008 –
2009 – Frank C. Rohwer, Ph.D
2010 – Amy Griffin Ouchley
2011 – Cindy Kilpatrick
2012 – St. Mary Parish 4-H & St. Mary Parish Government
2013 – Tonya Dean & Jamie Griffin
2014 – Louisiana Master Farmer Program
2015 – LDWF's Becoming an Outdoors-Woman Program
2016 – Barry Guillot
2017 – Nova Clarke
2018 – Thomas Christian "Chris" Pearce
2019 – Wendy Rihner
2020 – Program paused due to COVID pandemic
2021 – Program paused due to COVID pandemic

Conservationist of the Year-Elected Official Category

1966 – Representative Warren J. Simon
1967 – Senator Jackson B. Davis
1968 –
1969 –
1970 – Senator George T. Oubre
1971 – Representative Carl Dawson
1972 – Representative Robert Munson
1973 – Representative Edward C. Scogin
1974 – Senator Paul J. Hardy
1975 – Senator William D. "Billy" Brown
1976 – Representative Morris A. Lottinger, Jr.
1977 – Representative Chris Ullo
1978 – Representative Wilbert J. "Billy" Tauzin, II
1979 –
1980 – Representative Manuel A. Fernandez
1981 – Senator Samuel B. Nunez, Jr.
1982 – Representative Murray J. Hebert
1983 –
1984 – Senator J. Bennett Johnston
1985 – Patricia L. Norton (Public Servant)
1986 – Senator Ben J. Bagert, Jr.
1987 – Senator William J. "Joe" McPherson
1988 – Senator Ben J. Bagert, Jr.
1989 – Attorney General William J. Guste, Jr.
1990 – Representative Randall E. Roach
1991 –
1992 – District Attorney Doug Moreau
1993 – Senator Marc H. Morial
1994 – Senator William J. "Joe" McPherson
1995 –
1996 – Senator Foster Campbell
1997 –
1998 –
1999 – Senator Robert J. Barham
2000 –
2001 – Senator D. A. "Butch" Gautreaux
2002 – Senator W. "Joe" McPherson
2003 – Senator Reggie P. Dupre, Jr.
2004 –
2005 – Representative Karen St. Germain
2006 – Mayor Tony Gulotta
2007 – Mayor Tim Matte
2008 –
2009 –
2010 – Parish President William H. "Billy" Nungesser
2011 – Parish President Charlotte A. Randolph

Conservationist of the Year-Elected Official Category (continued)

2012 –
2013 – Michel H. Claudet, President – Terrebonne Parish
2014 –
2015 – Representative Gene Reynolds
2016 –
2017 –
2018 – Senator Dan “Blade” Morrish
2019 –
2020 – Program paused due to COVID pandemic
2021 – Program paused due to COVID pandemic

Conservation Communicator of the Year

(Until 1980, it was possible that an individual and a news medium could be selected)

1964 – Jim Faulkner; 1964 - Morning Advocate
1965 –
1966 – H. M. "Mike" Cook
1967 – Frank Adams
1968 –
1969 – Louisiana Conservationist
1970 – State Times/Morning Advocate
1971 – Bob Dennie
1972 – H. M. "Mike" Cook; 1972 - Alexandria Daily Town Talk
1973 – Kelly Falcon; 1973 - Alexandria Daily Town Talk
1974 – Virgil J. Bourque, Jr.; 1974 - Concordia Sentinel
1975 – Les Brumfield; 1975 - The Courier
1976 – Bob Scearce; 1976 - Capital City Press
1977 – Cornelia Carriere; 1977 - Louisiana Conservationist
1978 – Bob Anderson, Larry Michaud; 1978 - The East Ascension Sportsman
1979 – Peter R. Mindek; 1979 - The East Ascension Sportsman
1980 – W. Reeves Field; 1980 - KATC-TV, Channel 3
1981 – Bob Anderson
1982 – Daryl W. "Abe" Cockran
1983 – Don T. Edwards
1984 – Lloyd Poissenot
1985 – Baton Rouge Morning Advocate "Prosperity In Paradise? Louisiana's Chemical Legacy"
1986 – Eddie Castelin
1987 – Bob Anderson
1988 – David L. Hall
1989 – Shirley Haupt
1990 – The Shreveport Times
1991 – Linda Young
1992 – June C. Kennedy
1993 – Kierstan Gordan
1994 –
1995 – Charles F. Buckley
1996 –

Conservation Communicator of the Year (continued)

1997 – Jerald Horst
1998 – Bill Robertson
1999 –
2000 – Coast & Sea
2001 – Gary Noel Ross
2002 – The East Ascension Sportsman
2003 – John N. Felsher
2004 – Philip J. Timothy, Jr.
2005 – C. C. Lockwood
2006 – Todd Masson
2007 – Joe Macaluso
2008 –
2009 – LSU AgCenter
2010 –
2011 –
2012 –
2013 – Greg Guirard
2014 –
2015 – Bo Boehringer
2016 – Tegan Wendland
2017 – Louisiana Public Square Coastal Restoration: “The Next Wave”, produced by LPB
2018 –
2019 – Emma Reid
2020 – Program paused due to COVID pandemic
2021 – Program paused due to COVID pandemic

Conservation Organization of the Year

1966 – Baton Rouge Sportsmen's League
1967 – Calcasieu Rod & Gun Club
1968 –
1969 – Calcasieu Rod & Gun Club (water)
1970 – Baton Rouge Woods and Waters
1971 – East Ascension Sportsman's League
1972 – East Ascension Sportsman's League
1973 – St. Charles Environmental Council
1974 – Concordia Wildlife Club
1975 – East Ascension Sportsman's League
1976 – Council On The Environment
1977 – East Ascension Sportsman's League
1978 – Baton Rouge Sportsmen's League
1979 – Jefferson Rod and Gun Club
1980 – Jefferson Rod and Gun Club
1981 – Slidell Sportsmen's League
1982 – Jefferson Rod and Gun Club
1983 – East Ascension Sportsman's League
1984 – The Louisiana Nature and Science Center, Inc.

Conservation Organization of the Year (continued)

1985 – Louisiana Wildlife Association
1986 – Gulf Coast Conservation Association of LA
1987 – Calcasieu League for Environmental Action Now
1988 – Women For A Better Louisiana
1989 – Calcasieu League for Environmental Action Now
1990 – Tulane Environmental Law Clinic
1991 – Black Bear Conservation Committee
1992 – LSP HazMat Unit & LA DEQ Office of Legal Affairs and Enforcement
1993 – Avoyelles Wildlife Federation
1994 – New Orleans Inner City Outings
1995 – DWF Region VIII Enforcement Division
1996 – LA District of the United States Postal Service
1997 – Coalition to Restore Coastal Louisiana
1998 – Delta Chapter - Sierra Club
1999 – Louisiana Nature Center
2000 – Revive New River
2001 – Little Tchefuncte River Association
2002 – Blind River Boss Gobblers
2003 – Toledo Bend Lake Association
2004 – Barataria-Terrebonne National Estuary Program
2005 – Ducks Unlimited, Inc.
2006 – Woodlands Trail and Park
2007 – Acadiana RC&D Council
2008 – Toledo Bend Lake Association
2009 – LSU Coastal Roots Program
2010 – First Presbyterian Church of Bayou Blue
2011 – Friends of Red River National Wildlife Refuge
2012 – Bayou Grace Community Services
2013 – Cajun Prairie Habitat Preservation Society
2014 – Bayou Vermilion Preservation Association
2015 – Coalition to Restore Coastal Louisiana
2016 – Quality Deer Management Association (LA State Chapter)
2017 – South Wings
2018 – Baton Rouge Zoo FrogWatch USA™
2019 – Giant Salvinia Control Patrol
2020 – Program paused due to COVID pandemic
2021 – Program paused due to COVID pandemic

Water/Air Conservationist of the Year (category no longer promoted)

1974 – Donald Landry
1975 – Doris Falkenheiner
1976 – Barry Kohl
1977 – Frederick G. Deiler
1978 – Frank J. Ehret, Jr.
1979 – David M. Soileau
1980 – Charles Fryling, Jr.