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John E. Maunder
Recipient of the 2026 Bruce Naylor Award

John E. Maunder is the 2026 recipient of the Alliance of Natural History Museum's (ANHMC) *Bruce Naylor Award*. The award is given annually to an individual or individuals to recognize achievement of national or international significance in the field of natural history in Canada. The award will be presented to Mr. Maunder at the annual ANHMC Fall meeting at The Rooms in St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador on October 19, 2026.

John Maunder has spent his life as a natural historian and supporter of natural history museums. He has personally collected many specimens of invertebrates and plants for the Provincial collections. He has shared his knowledge and passion in many ways. He actively supported the Newfoundland Rare Plant Project, and is a longstanding member of the Limestone Barrens Species at Risk Recovery Team and the Species Status Advisory Committee.

He was and is an essential and approachable "go-to" resource for people with diverse interests, whether fishers, members of the public, museum researchers and university scientists. He is a fine representative of the importance and role of natural history collections. His contributions are many and significant but his main professional contribution was laying a solid foundation to the stewardship of the province's natural history heritage during his 27-year tenure as Curator of Natural History at the Provincial Museum of Newfoundland and Labrador, now part of "The Rooms".

"We are very pleased to recognize Mr. Maunder's achievements of a lifelong commitment to sharing knowledge," says ANHMC President, Dr. Jean-Marc Gagnon. "Through this award, he joins several Bruce Naylor Award recipients that have been recognized for their significant contributions to natural history in the areas of research, collections and public education."

The ANHMC is a national network of natural history museums and similar institutions dedicated to the preservation and understanding of Canada's natural heritage and the enhancement of the benefits museums provide to the people of Canada.

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