

**2016 CCUBC Science Promotion Prize
Dr. John Acorn
University of Alberta**

John Acorn was born in Edmonton, Alberta, in 1958, and has been fascinated with animals since a very early age. He still lives in Edmonton, with his wife, Dena, and their two sons, Jesse and Benjamin.

John is perhaps best known as the writer and host of the television series *Acorn, The Nature Nut*, a family-oriented, how-to-be-a-naturalist show. He also hosted *Twits and Pishers*, a travel show for bird watchers, as well as the gallery videos of the Royal Tyrell Museum of Paleontology. John has written 17 books, including many well-received field guides, and he produces a regular column, *The Terminal Segment*, for

The American Entomologist. These days, John teaches at the University of Alberta and continues his involvement with public communication in a variety of forms.

John is the recipient of NSERC's Michael Smith Award for Science Promotion, the University of Alberta's Distinguished Alumni Award, two "Rosies" (as Best Host, in the Alberta Motion Picture Industry Awards), and two nominations for Canada's national television award, the Gemini. The Royal Society of Canada, the Entomological Foundation, and the Canadian Society of Zoologists have all recognized his contributions to public education.

