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Greg R. Pohl
Recipient of the 2025 Bruce Naylor Award

Greg R. Pohl is the 2025 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 **Greg Pohl** at the annual ANHMC Fall meeting hosted by the **Nova Scotia Museum of Natural History in Halifax** on October 20, 2025.

Greg Pohl spent much of his career with the Canadian Forest Service in Edmonton, where, among other duties, he curated the arthropod collection. He has made lasting impacts on the field of entomology, with a focus on Lepidoptera (butterflies and moths), through his scientific rigor, collaborative spirit, and dedication to knowledge-sharing. Among his most impressive achievements are his contributions to authoritative checklists of Lepidoptera for British Columbia, Alberta, Canada, and North America. These publications were monumental undertakings that required extraordinary attention to detail, perseverance, and taxonomic expertise. Greg is also a tireless advocate for public engagement and scientific mentorship. He has shared his deep knowledge of Lepidoptera with researchers, students, and amateur naturalists alike, often providing specimens and guidance to anyone interested in advancing the science. His volunteer work with the Lepidopterists' Society, the Alberta Lepidopterists' Guild, and the Biological Survey of Canada speaks to his commitment to community-based science and collaboration. His enthusiasm for fieldwork and citizen science is equally noteworthy and he has actively participated in numerous BioBlitz events, where he has not only contributed valuable data but also helped foster a love for biodiversity among participants and has served as a mentor to many aspiring entomologists and naturalists, guiding them with generosity and patience.

"We are very pleased to recognize Greg Pohl'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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