

Recipients of the Silver Medal

The Silver Medal was established in 1837 and first awarded in 1847.

1847	Sir Roderick I. Murchison and M. Dalmatoff For assistance in the introduction of aurochs
1859	Viscount Canning Lord William Hay Captain Hay Major Henry Ramsay Brian H. Hodgson H.G. Keene Captain James The Rajah Rajendra Mullick, Bahadoor Richard Green For assistance in forming the first collection of Himalayan pheasants William Dougall Christie For many valuable donations
1860	Sir George Grey For donations of South African animals The Honourable Gerald Chetwynd Talbot For assistance in the introduction of Indian pheasants
1862	Dr George Bennett For many valuable donations
1869	Sir Rutherford Alcock For donation of a pair of Père David's deer
1872	A.D. Bartlett For services rendered and successful rearing of young hippopotamus
1875	H.H. Sayyid Burghash bin Said, Sultan on Zanzibar For donations of African animals
1877	Robert Hudson For valuable services as member of Council
1878	Colonel Sir Frederick Richard Pollock For donations to the collection

1882	John Dean Caton For donations to the collection
1884	The Reverend George H.R. Fisk For donations of reptiles
1887	H.H. The Maharajah of Kuch-Behar For donations to the collection
1889	Dr Edward Dalzel Dickson For the donation of scientific collections
1891	Mrs Ursula Edmondston For protection of the great skua in the island of Unst Robert Thomas Charles Scott For protection of the great skua in the island of Foula
1893	Donald Cameron of Lochiel and John Peter Grant of Rothiemurchus For protection of the osprey
1894	Henry Hamilton Johnston For zoological investigations in British Central Africa
1897	Alexander Whyte For zoological researches in British Central Africa
1900	John Ernest Matcham For donations to the collection
1902	Edmund William Harper For donation of Indian birds
1904	Arthur Thomson For thirty-four years service
1907	Adam White Guthrie For donations to the collection
1908	David Seth-Smith Making and bringing home a collection of Australian fauna Sir William Ingram For gifts of birds of paradise and other donations to the collection
1909	Charles Dunell Rudd For aiding the study of South African fauna Richard Bowen Woosnam For services to zoology during expeditions to South Africa, Rueswenzori and Persia

1910	Carl Hagenbeck For advances in the design of enclosures for animals
1912	Lt. Colonel J. Stevenson Hamilton For commemoration of the King's South African collection, 1911
1914	R.E. Drake-Brockman For donations to the collection Albert Pam For donations to the collection W.K. Pomeroy For donations to the collection Dr H.G.F. Spurrell For donations of African and South American mammals
1917	Wilfred A. Smithers For donations from the Argentine
1921	John Young For long service to the Society H.E. Captain Sir Cecil H. Armitage For donations to the collection
1926	Captain Henry Courtney Brocklehurst For assistance in obtaining animals from the Sudan
1931	A.St. Alban Smith For donations to the collection and assistance given in Singapore
1937	Mrs E.B. Carter For services to the Aquarium
1938	G.C. Upstone For donations to the collection
1942	Alfred Ezra For donations over a long period and long service on Council and as Vice-President Geoffrey Marr Vevers For service in the formation and the development of Whipsnade Zoological Park and as superintendent at Regent's Park for 20 years
1945	Mrs Dorothy A. Pinto-Leite In recognition of her devoted attention to young chimpanzees in 1945

1946	William H. Chippendale For assistance over many years in obtaining South American animals
1952	Dr Annie Porter For long and valuable services as Honorary parasitologist
1953	Herbert F. Vinall Over 50 years devoted service
1955	John Withers Lester For outstanding services in leading expeditions to collect animals from Sierra Leone 1948, Sierra Leone and Gold Coast 1950, Uganda 1952, Sierra Leone 1954 and British Guiana
1958	Senhor João de Freitas Martins For services to the Aquarium
1964	<u><i>The terms of the Silver Medal were changed in 1964. Two categories were recognized:</i></u> <u><i>Category 1</i></u> - a member of staff of the rank of Curator (or the equivalent in non-menagerie departments) or above: or an Honorary Consultant, for long and distinguished service to the Society or for some outstanding achievement. <u><i>Category 2</i></u> - Awarded to a Fellow of the Society or any other person for contribution to the understanding and appreciation of zoology, including such activities as public education in natural history and wildlife conservation.
1964	<u><i>Category 1</i></u> – George Burden Stratton For 50 years devoted service to the Society’s publications and Library <u><i>Category 2</i></u> – Lord Hurcomb In recognition of his services to the conservation movement
1965	<u><i>Category 2</i></u> – Mr David Attenborough For his wide influence, particularly with young people, in the field of public education both through programmes and through books
1966	<u><i>Category 2</i></u> – Mr Aubrey Buxton For his contribution to the appreciation of natural history, in particular his work in promoting the understanding of wildlife conservation
1968	<u><i>Category 2</i></u> – Mr James Fisher In recognition of his contribution to the understanding of zoology and to public appreciation of the importance of conservation

1969	<p><u>Category 1</u> – F.A.P. Stengelhofen In recognition of his long and devoted service as architect to the Society</p>
1973	<p><u>Category 1</u> – Professor A.J.E. Cave For his outstanding services to the Society</p> <p><u>Category 1</u> – Miss Eirwen M. Owen [No published citation: presentation made after her retirement as the Society's Director of Administration]</p> <p><u>Category 1</u> – Dr L.G. Goodwin [No published citation: presentation made after his retirements as Society's Director of Science]</p>
1974	<p><u>Category 2</u> – Mr Eric Hosking For his distinguished work as a bird and animal photographer and his services to public education in zoology and to conservation</p>
1975	<p><u>Category 2</u> – Mr Gerald H. Thompson For his work as a pioneer and leader of a team making zoological films of great educational value and high scientific quality</p>
1983	<p><u>Category 2</u> – Professor Stephen Jay Gould For education of the public in the understanding and appreciation of zoology, particularly evolutionary theory</p>
1984	<p><u>Category 1</u> – Professor E. H. Ashton In recognition of his valued service to the Society</p>
1985	<p><u>Category 2</u> – Dr L. Harrison Matthews For contributions to popular knowledge of biology of a wide range of mammals</p>
1988	<p><u>Category 2</u> – Dr Richard Dawkins For his contribution to public understanding of evolutionary theory</p>
1991	<p><u>Category 1</u> – Owen C. Chamberlain [No published citation: presentation made for long and distinguished service 1951-1991 on his retirement as Projects Manager, Whipsnade Wild Animal Park]</p> <p><u>Category 2</u> – Miss Jane Goodall For her pioneering contribution and continuing efforts to achieve understanding of the biology, behaviour and conservation of the great apes and primates</p>
1993	<p><u>Category 2</u> – Mr Jonathan Kingdon For contributions by both art and science to the public understanding and appreciation of zoology</p>

1997	Category 2 – Dr George B. Rabb For his outstanding contribution to animal conservation at world level
1999	Category 1 – Dr Michael Brambell For his major contribution to the work of ZSL
2003	Category 1 – Mr Peter Olney For his work to promote good practice and responsible management of wildlife in captivity, and his broader work for the zoo community
	Category 2 – Professor Aubrey Manning For his original and informative television series that have helped a wider general public to appreciate the origins and functions of the British landscape
2004	Category 1 – Field Marshal Sir John Chapple For long and distinguished service to the Zoological Society of London, and his contribution to wildlife conservation
2005	Category 2 – Alistair Fothergill For significant contribution to the understanding and appreciation of zoology; in particular, for his direction of <i>Deep Blue</i> . Much of the film's footage was originally shot for the television series <i>Blue Planet</i> , the most comprehensive documentary of its type ever committed to film
2007	Category 2 – The Scottish Ornithologists Club For <i>The Birds of Scotland</i> , a two volume publication covering a total of 509 bird species. This publication is a remarkable achievement that sets a new benchmark for regional avifaunas
2008	Category 2 – Dr Rosie Trevelyan , Director of the Tropical Biology Association, an organisation dedicated to working in partnership with African institutions to build expertise in biodiversity conservation and research through practical training, fundraising and by providing information and resources
2009	Category 2 – Dr David Macdonald , University of Oxford, for his wide-ranging contributions to zoology, including species monographs, encyclopaedias of mammals, and for immense contributions to conservation biology through the Wildlife Conservation Research Unit at Tubney, near Oxford.
2010	Category 2 – Michael McCarthy , Environment Journalist and writer, for contributions to the public understanding of wildlife, the need for its conservation and issues relating to environmental policy and climate change.
2011	Category 2 – Martin Fisher , Editor <i>Oryx: the International Journal of Conservation</i> , for contributions to scientific publishing, and related outreach and training activities

2012	<u>Category 2</u> – Helen Roy , Centre for Ecology and Hydrology, for contributions to the scientific understanding of ladybird ecology and conservation
2013	<u>Category 2</u> – Tim Birkhead FRS , University of Sheffield, for significant contributions to our understanding and appreciation of bird ecology and sexual selection, and for outstanding science writing and public engagement
2014	<u>Category 2</u> – Darren Mann , Oxford University Museum of Natural History, for significant contributions to the public understanding of zoology and entomology
2015	<u>Category 2</u> – Nathalie Pettorelli , Zoological Society of London and Seirian Sumner , University of Bristol, for the science communication initiative Soapbox Science, which promotes women in science
2016	<u>Category 2</u> – Richard Fortey , for outstanding contributions to communicating science and the appreciation of zoology
2017	<u>Category 2</u> – Steve Jones , for outstanding contributions to science communication, in particular, the understanding and appreciation of genetics and evolution
2018	<u>Category 2</u> – James Barnett , for outstanding contributions to our understanding of cetacean standings
2022	<u>Category 2</u> – Isabella Tree and Charles Burrell , for outstanding contributions to habitat restoration and rewilding, in particular, for the Knepp rewilding project
2023	<u>Category 2</u> – Mary Colwell , for outstanding contributions to curlew conservation and for her longstanding commitment to improving access and education for young people to the natural world