

BILL TOONE has a Master of Science Degree in Avian Sciences from the University of California at Davis where he studied the reproductive biology of the California condor. Following graduate school Bill pursued his interest in the California condor and was ultimately assigned to the federally appointed California Condor Recovery Team. Bill played a high profile role in establishing recovery strategies, collecting eggs in the field and rearing condors in captivity.

Since then his conservation work has carried him to all corners of the planet including Antarctica. His background includes National park work in Madagascar, sustainable development programs in Costa Rica, old growth logging studies in Papua New Guinea, recovery of giant peccary in Paraguay, sustainable management practices in Argentina and more.

More and more Bill and many of his colleagues were worried by the apparent disconnect between quality of life for people and the health of their natural resources. In 2003 with scientists and colleagues, Bill worked to establish the ECO-LIFE Foundation to help fill this important and neglected niche.

A popular and sought after speaker, Bill enjoys weaving travel, adventure and excitement into lively stories with a message.