

William E. Jensen has been a resident and biologist in Kansas for 18 years. He earned his undergraduate degree in Fisheries and Wildlife from the University of Missouri-Columbia in 1996, where he developed an interest in the effects of habitat fragmentation on birds while working with the MU Avian Ecology Lab. Bill moved to Emporia, Kansas in the same year to pursue an MS in Biological Sciences at Emporia State University. At ESU, Bill examined edge effects on grassland-nesting birds with his advisor, Dr. Elmer Finck. After a couple seasonal field jobs, including employment with the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks, Bill began his doctorate program in Biology at Kansas State University where he explored density-dependent distribution in the brown-headed cowbird across the Flint Hills, and demographic sensitivity in the northern bobwhite. He stayed on at KSU as a post-doctoral research associate, where he coordinated a study on responses of grassland birds to grassland management in the Flint Hills. After a temporary position with the Important Birds Areas Program at the Missouri office of the National Audubon Society, Bill returned to the Department of Biological Sciences at ESU as wildlife biology faculty, where he also serves as Director of Natural Areas and Director of the Schmidt Museum of Natural History. He teaches Wildlife Management, Conservation Biology, Natural Resource Policies, Mammalogy, Ornithology, and Field Ecology at ESU, and has advised MS students in avian and mammalian ecology. Bill's research collaborations have resulted in 27 peer-reviewed publications, including articles in *The Journal of Wildlife Management* and *The Wildlife Society Bulletin*. Bill is a member of The Wildlife Society and he collaborated with ESU students to charter the ESU Student Chapter of TWS, only the second Student Chapter of TWS in Kansas. Bill has served on the Kansas Nongame Wildlife Advisory Council, on the Board of the Kansas Ornithological Society, and as President of the Central Plains Society of Mammalogists.