

Rob is a second year Master of Natural Resources student at Utah State University and an Associate Wildlife Biologist®. He received a Bachelor of Science in Wildlife and Conservation Biology from Murray State University in southwest KY in 2015. At Murray, he researched lead toxicology in eastern gray squirrels as well as wildlife damage management at general aviation airports. While at Murray Rob served as the secretary and two-term president of our student chapter of The Wildlife Society (TWS) and was named the 2015 Wildlife Student of the Year. He presented research at several TWS affiliated conferences, including the 16th Wildlife Damage Management Conference. He have worked for the Department of the Navy as a contracted natural resources technician conducting avian surveys as well as a Wildlife Specialist with USDA APHIS Wildlife Services working to reduce bird-aircraft strikes. He now serve the profession as the secretary of the Student Development Working Group, the Student Board Member on the TWS Wildlife Damage Management Working Group and review manuscripts for the journal, Human-Wildlife Interactions. His experiences at the university and the professional levels have served to highlight how important student involvement in TWS is. The Wildlife Society has unique opportunities for students to mature professionally and engage with other professionals in their chosen field. These include student travel grants, the student research in progress poster sessions at the annual conference, state and section conferences, and most importantly working groups. Working groups allow students to engage like-minded professionals and students, build relationships, learn, and grow in their field. When he's not working in enjoy hunting, fishing, shooting sports, and snow sports as well.