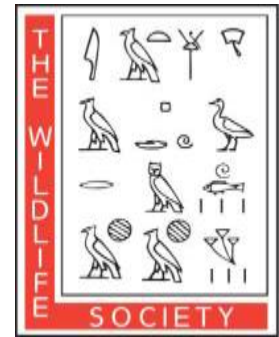




# Call for Abstracts

24th Annual Conference of  
The Wildlife Society  
Albuquerque, New Mexico  
September 23-27, 2017



**Deadline:** April 7, 2017, 11:59 pm CST

The Wildlife Society will hold its 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico from September 23-27, 2017. The Conference will include workshops, symposia, panel discussions, special poster sessions, contributed papers (oral presentations), contributed posters, and student research in progress posters. We invite you to submit abstracts for prospective contributed papers and posters on topics of wildlife ecology, management, conservation, education, or policy. Abstracts will not be published, so we encourage reports from the author's most recent scientific investigations and management experiences. The theme for Conference Plenary sessions is *Wildlife Conservation: Crossroads of Cultures*; presentation or poster abstracts about cultural aspects of wildlife conservation are especially invited for contributed sessions as well.

## Presentation Types:

Contributed Papers (oral presentations) will be scheduled for 20 minutes, which includes 15 minutes for the presentation and five minutes for questions.

Contributed Posters - will be scheduled by topic, presenters will be required to upload a pdf of their poster no later than September 13<sup>th</sup>, authors will also need to bring a printed version of their poster to display at the conference.

Student Research in Progress Posters - All undergraduate, M.S., and Ph.D. with research in progress can submit an abstract for this session. Abstracts submitted can include 1) research that is in progress; 2) a proposed research project (with a focus on study design); 3) results from completed undergraduate research projects; or 4) student chapter research projects that may not be appropriate for the regular poster sessions (these may include a class or group research project). Presenters will be required to upload a pdf of their poster no later than September 13<sup>th</sup>, authors will also need to bring a printed version of their poster to display at the conference.

We urge participants to consider presenting their work as posters, as this format allows authors to interact with attendees and discuss their research at length. Authors are requested to be available to discuss their posters during scheduled breaks.

## Instructions for Submitting Abstracts

TWS will use an online for abstract submission, the submission site will be open on February 13, 2017, and at that time a link will be made available through this Call for Abstracts. The submission site will lead you through the submission steps; guidelines for submissions are summarized below. You may initiate a submission, save your work, and return to complete or revise your submission as often as you like until the submission deadline. The submission deadline is April 10, 2017 at 11:59 pm CST. Abstracts that miss this deadline will not be considered. Please note: **TWS allows only one contributed paper, contributed poster or student work in progress abstract per primary author.**

Abstracts must be under 300 words, and should include a statement of objectives, brief description of methods, results, and conclusions. Do not include paper/poster title or author information in the abstract. Include scientific names in the abstract but not in the paper/poster title. You will be asked to choose one of the following subject categories.

- Biometrics and Population Modeling
- Conservation Communication
- Conservation and Ecology of Birds
- Conservation and Ecology of Mammals
- Conservation and Ecology of Natural Resources and Habitats
- Conservation and Ecology of Reptiles and Amphibians
- Conservation and Ecology of Wildlife Communities
- Conservation Planning and Policy
- Cultural Aspects of Wildlife Conservation
- Fire Science and Management
- Human Dimensions
- Invasive Species
- Wildlife Damage Management
- Natural Resources Management
- New Technology and Applications
- Public Engagement and Management
- Wildlife Disease and Toxicology
- Wildlife Education, Training and Certification

### **Abstract Evaluation**

Contributed Paper and Contributed Poster Abstracts will be evaluated based on technical merit and contribution to our knowledge of species, populations, communities, ecological processes, management practices, conservation initiatives, education models, communication, or policy issues. Papers and posters should present results from **completed studies** or completed phases of long-term projects. Work in progress is more appropriate for presentation at local or regional meetings and will not be accepted.

Student Research-in-Progress abstracts will be evaluated based on technical merit and contribution to our knowledge of species, populations, communities, ecological processes, management practices, conservation initiatives, education models, communication, or policy issues. Work does not need to be completed to be submitted.

All abstracts will have a **blind** review by two to three reviewers. Please note that presentations from students are welcome but are not given preferential treatment. We have found that students do just as well as or better than professionals under our blind review process. Due to time/space limitations we will not be able to accept all papers and posters submitted.

### **Notice of Decision**

Notice of decision will be made on or about May 15, 2017 via email.

### **Registration**

**All presenters MUST register and pay the appropriate conference registration fee.** Early Bird registration is strongly recommended. Registration information will be posted on TWS' website, [www.wildlife.org](http://www.wildlife.org) in May 2017

### **Questions?**

Questions about the conference program may be directed to Program Committee Coordinator, Tricia Fry at [tricia@wildlife.org](mailto:tricia@wildlife.org). For all other conference questions, please call (301) 897-9770 or email [membership@wildlife.org](mailto:membership@wildlife.org).