

HISTORY OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY IN ARKANSAS, 1972-2004

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This brief history of the Arkansas Chapter of The Wildlife Society was compiled from records of the Chapter. Most of the documents from which this was drawn were originally collected by member Roy Grizzell in 1981 and were eventually kept in a filing cabinet at the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission headquarters in Little Rock and overseen by various members over the years including John Sunderland and Bill Hailey. After the formation of the Celebrating our Wildlife Conservation Heritage Committee (as part of a national-level TWS program) at the Fall, 2001 Chapter meeting we began to sort through these records and with the assistance of many current and former members who generously provided copies of newsletters, correspondence, meeting minutes, and other records have compiled a very complete picture of the activities of the Chapter since its formation in 1972. The vast majority of these records were then donated to the University of Central Arkansas Library Special Collections Department for permanent safekeeping in March, 2005.

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PART 1
CHRONOLOGICAL RECORD

- 1972 May 22 Arkansas Chapter, The Wildlife Society is formed.
- 1973 April 17 University of Arkansas-Monticello Student Chapter of The Wildlife Society is formed.
- 1973 Oct. 14-17 The Chapter mans a hospitality booth at the SE Association of Game and Fish Commissioners meeting in Hot Springs.
- 1975 May 23 The Chapter donates \$25 towards the TWS Building Fund.
- 1975 June 20 The Chapter approves a resolution supports the proposed federal Refuge Organic Act to create a Bureau of National Wildlife Refuges in the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.
- 1975 June 20 The Chapter approves a resolution opposing the expansion of powers of the Corps of Engineers in relation to the Rivers and Harbors Act.
- 1975 June 20 The Chapter approves a resolution in support of AGFC wildlife and habitat management on Commission lands.
- 1975 Sept. 21 The Chapter presents Honor Award for Exemplary Leadership in Fish and Wildlife Conservation to Dr. Rex Hancock, Joe D. Scott, Jim Soucek, Dr. Buck Harris, and Fay Anderson for their work relating to the Cache River.
- 1975 Oct. 8 The Chapter approves a resolution supporting the extension of the federal Wetlands Loan Act.
- 1975 Oct. 8 The Chapter approves a resolution supporting the Refuge Organic Act.
- 1975 Oct. 8 The Chapter approves a resolution supporting certification of wildlife biologists by TWS.
- 1977 March 16 The Chapter writes a letter to President Carter supporting his efforts to halt water projects that are economically and environmentally unsound and endorse a review of all ongoing
- 1977 August The Chapter awarded Senator Dale Bumpers a Certificate of Appreciation for supporting sound conservation legislation.

- 1977 Dec. 17th The Chapter submits comments to the State of Arkansas in relation to a request from the Fish and Wildlife Service on classification of the otter and bobcat.
- 1978 April 24 ATWS writes letter of support to President Carter and the Arkansas congressional delegation for the Nongame Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act (S1140, HR 10255, HR 10915).
- 1978 July 5 The Chapter asks the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to reconsider their decision to close their animal damage control office in Arkansas.
- 1978 The Chapter organizes a Speakers Bureau.
- 1978 August The Chapter begins publishing a newsletter.
- 1979 June 15 The Chapter approves the new TWS logo and decided that the Arkansas Chapter symbol would consist of the national logo centered within an outline of the State of Arkansas.
- 1979 Sept. 21 The Chapter approves a resolution supporting a Southeastern Section resolution urging the Forest Service to keep construction of new permanent roads to a minimum.
- 1979 Dec. 10 The Chapter approves a resolution encouraging the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission to make every effort to prohibit road hunting in the state.
- 1980 Feb. 2 The Chapter approves a resolution supporting a revision to Amendment 35 to the Arkansas Constitution.
- 1980 March 2-5 The Chapter Co-Sponsors the 4th National Wild Turkey Symposium.
- 1980 Sept. 26 The Chapter approves modifications to the bylaws to bring them into conformance with the parent society bylaws.
- 1981 Feb. 21 The Chapter approved a resolution in support of Arkansas legislation regarding trespassing on private lands.
- 1981 Feb. 21 The Chapter approved a resolution supporting Arkansas legislation limiting liability protection for private landowners allowing recreational use of their land.

- 1981 March 9 The Chapter protests a recent visit by Cleveland Amory of the Fund for Animals at the Museum of Science & History in Little Rock.
- 1981 The Chapter declines to become part of the Arkansas Conservation Coalition.
- 1981 July 10 The Chapter donates \$500 to The Wildlife Society Building Fund.
- 1981 July Dr. Roy Grizzell finishes the compilation of historic documents relating to the history of the Arkansas Chapter. Permission is obtained to maintain Chapter records at AGFC headquarters.
- 1981 Sept.18 The Chapter approves a resolution opposing the changes to navigation structures on the Ouachita River that would allow larger barges to navigate the river.
- 1982 Laurie Fenwood compiles and the Chapter publishes its first membership directory.
- 1982 May 14 The Chapter issues a statement supporting mandatory hunter education in Arkansas.
- 1982 June 18 The Chapter approves a resolution urging the AGFC to have the Wildlife Management Institute conduct an independent review of their operations and offering \$1,000 to support such a review.
- 1982 July 1 The Chapter writes letter to AGFC supporting antlerless deer harvest, opposing the stocking of non-native wildlife such as elk, mottled duck, grouse, and ringed-neck pheasant.
- 1982 Sept. 17 Following allegations of misconduct at the Commission and introduction of biological infeasible and expensive species introductions, the Chapter approves a resolution urging the AGFC to have an external agency or group conduct an impartial review of Commission operations.
- 1983 Jan. 26. The Chapter provides comments on a draft Environmental Impact Statement relating to the Larkin Creek watershed.
- 1983 Spring The Chapter wrote letters of support for the preferred alternatives in the Bayou De View and Cache River Environmental Impact Statements.

- 1983 June 27 In a follow-up to 2 resolutions passed in 1982, the Chapter writes to Gov. Bill Clinton outlining the conflict between the Chapter and the Commission, urging an external review, and asks him to select Commissioners with more of a background in natural resource management.
- 1983 Sept. 16 The Chapter approves motions to pay for and distribute copies of the Unendangered Species slide show or film strips to 4 educational cooperatives and to provide a \$100 scholarship to the Advanced Ecology Audubon Workshop.
- 1984 Feb. 10 The Chapter elects Raymond McMaster and Roy Grizzell as honorary members.
- 1984 March 7 The Chapter encourages the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission to support Project WILD.
- 1984 April 13 The Chapter expresses support for the Commission's recent restriction on the use of dogs for hunting in Deer Zone 11.
- 1984 July 11 The Chapter incorporates as a non-profit corporation in AR.
- 1984 Sept. 20-21 The Chapter approves a motion to endorse Amendment 67, the conservation sales tax.
- 1984 Sept. 27 The Chapter writes letters to the Arkansas congressional delegation urging them to oppose H.R. 1797 and S. 2389 which would ban the use of steel leg-hold traps in the United States.
- 1985 Jan-Apr. The Chapter wrote letters to the Arkansas congressional delegation supporting conservation measures for the 1985 Farm Bill. Letters were also written to the AR legislative subcommittee requesting that they support the budget for Project WILD. The Chapter also commented on the draft Environmental Impact Statement for a highway in Hot Springs.
- 1985 July 2 The Chapter supports a U.S. Forest Service/Bureau of Land Management interchange of responsibility for subsurface mineral management.
- 1985 July 3 The Chapter urges the Arkansas congressional delegation to support the reauthorization and funding of the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act of 1980.

- 1985 Sept. 27 The Chapter approves a motion to support the parent society's position on steel shot for waterfowl hunting and the Game and Fish staff recommendations for implementation of steel shot requirements by 1990. The Chapter also approves motions to oppose the transfer of the Nuisance Animal Control section from the Dept. of the Interior to the Dept. of Agriculture and to a proposed 70% budget reduction for natural resources by the TVA.
- 1985 Sept. 27 The Chapter elects Eldon Lucas and Tom Hooper as Honorary members.
- 1986 Harold Alexander, former biologist for the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission, receives the national Wildlife Society Special Recognition Service Award for, "dedication to wildlife resources as field biologist, researcher, environmental planner, and administrator within Arkansas."
- 1986 June 20 The Chapter approved changes in the bylaws.
- 1987 Mar. 16 The Chapter donates \$200 to the Larry D. Pharris Wildlife Memorial Fund at Murray State University in Kentucky. Larry drowned in a fishing accident and was a former Arkansas Game and Fish Commission bear and grouse biologist (1980-1984).
- 1987 March 18 The Chapter approves a resolution urging the formation of a Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research unit in Arkansas.
- 1987 March 18 John Sunderland and Doyle Shook appointed to review the Chapter's records and to verify that they are in compliance With the Chapter's bylaws.
- 1987 Sept. 21 The Chapter co-sponsors a presentation by John Roseberry of Southern Illinois University on bobwhite quail ecology.
- 1988 Feb. 26 The Chapter urges the Arkansas Congressional delegation to co-sponsor H.J. Res. 50, the Aldo Leopold Land Ethics Bill.
- 1988 Mar10-11 The Chapter holds a joint meeting with the Oklahoma Chapter to discuss the damming of Lee Creek by the city of Ft. Smith.
- 1988 May 13 The Chapter expresses concerns regarding the forest planning process on the Ouachita National Forest.
- 1988 The Chapter issues a public statement opposing the use of National Forest lands in Arkansas for Army training exercises.

- 1988 Oct. 3 The Chapter raises membership dues from \$2 to \$5 per year starting Jan. 1, 1989.
- 1988 Oct. 3 The Chapter amends the bylaws to allow for the presentation for an Annual Award of Achievement.
- 1989 Oct. 5 The Chapter presents a plaque to Robert Pierce for his long contribution of service to the Chapter.
- 1990 Oct. 11 Scott Yaich receives the Chapter Achievement Award for his work on the National Waterfowl Management Plan.
- 1991 For the first time the Arkansas Legislature approved a one-time pay increase of 6% of TWS Certified Wildlife Biologists.
- 1991 May 10 The Chapter provides comments to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on their Refuges 2003 Plan.
- 1991 June 19 The Chapter donates to the National Wild Turkey Federation's Arkansas Super Fund for habitat management.
- 1991 Fall The Chapter mails a letter to Arkansas media outlets describing the purpose of the Chapter.
- 1991 Sept. 22 The Chapter writes letter the University of Arkansas opposing the proposed elimination of the wildlife and fisheries positions from the Cooperative Extension Service. The Chapter passes a resolution expressing these views on Oct. 11, 1991.
- 1991 Oct. 10 The Chapter provides comments to the EPA on proposed revisions to the Federal Manual for Identifying and Delineating Jurisdictional Wetlands. The Chapter also provides comments Supporting a water quality and fisheries habitat project proposed for Lake Greeson and the Little Missouri River.
- 1991 Oct. 10 The Chapter approves a resolution opposing the elimination of the wildlife and fisheries positions from the University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service.
- 1991 Oct. 10 Dennis Widner receives the Chapter's Achievement Award of his work towards wetlands restoration on private and public lands in eastern Arkansas and his promotion of new methods of reforestation of bottomland hardwoods.

- 1991 Dec. 18 The Chapter writes to Senator Dale Bumpers expressing concern for the effects of changes in the federal wetlands delineation manual that may result in the removal of bottomland hardwood forests from protection.
- 1993 July 21 The Chapter writes to Arkansas Senators to urge them to oppose language in a bill that would prohibit the use of clearcutting on the Ouachita and Ozark National Forests.
- 1994 June 23 The Chapter donates \$100 to TWS to support student travel to the First Annual Conference in Albuquerque, NM.
- 1994 The Chapter endorses Amendment 2 to be voted on at the Nov. 8 general election that would establish a 1/8 of a cent conservation sales tax.
- 1995 April 3 The Chapter supports a proposed exchange of land between the Ouachita National Forest and the Weyerhaeuser Company.
- 1996 May 7 The Chapter approves a resolution endorsing Amendment 2 which would institute a 1/8 of a cent conservation sales tax.
- 1996 May 7 The Chapter approves a resolution endorsing the creation of the Wildlife Diversity Funding Initiative (Teaming with Wildlife).
- 1996 June 12 Arkansas Tech University Student Chapter of The Wildlife Society is formed.
- 1998 Oct. 14 The Chapter approves a resolution opposing the release of hogs into the wild and opposing the designation of feral swine as game animals.
- 1998 Oct. 14 The Chapter approves a resolution opposing the construction of the Great River Bridge in Desha County.
- 1998 Oct. 31 The Chapter co-sponsors a teachers workshop on the bats of Arkansas at the North American Symposium on Bat Research in Hot Springs.
- 1999 Feb. 14-17 The Chapter co-hosts the 22nd Annual Southeastern Deer Study Group meeting in Fayetteville.
- 1999 Mar. 23 The Chapter approves the donation of \$150 for the support of the May, 2000 meeting of the Organization of Wildlife Planners.

- 1999 Summer The Chapter donates \$200 the ASU Student Chapter to help them travel to the 6th Annual Wildlife Society meeting in Austin. The Chapter also donated \$35 to the Arkansas Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Team to help them with travel costs to the national 4-H competition in Manhattan, KS.
- 1999 May 27 The Chapter writes to the Arkansas congressional delegation opposing the sale of Corps of Engineers Land in the vicinity of Merrisach Lake in Arkansas County that would be authorized under a bill sponsored by Representative Berry.
- 1999 July 16 The Chapter writes to the Arkansas congressional delegation urging them to support the Conservation and Reinvestment Act to support Nongame wildlife.
- 1999 Oct. 7 The Chapter approves a resolution urging a comprehensive study of the White River Basin within Arkansas and Missouri.
- 2000 May 3 The Chapter approves a resolution opposing the construction of the Grand Prairie Irrigation Project.
- 2000 May 3 The Chapter approves a resolution opposing the White River navigation project.
- 2000 May 3 The Chapter approves a \$300 donation to the Arkansas 4-H Wildlife Habitat Evaluation contest.
- 2000 Oct. 5 The Chapter approves a resolution supporting the Karst Resources Support Team.
- 2001 Feb. 7-8 The Chapter holds a joint meeting with the Arkansas Chapter of the American Fisheries Society to discuss the White River.
- 2001 Feb. 7 The Chapter amends the bylaws to allow a 2-year term for Chapter President, Secretary, and Board Member. President Elects will serve a 1-year term during even numbered years.
- 2001 Oct. 4 The Chapter passes a resolution in support of the Karst Resources Support Team.
- 2001 Oct. 4 The Chapter approves a donation of \$200 to the 4-H Wildlife Habitat Evaluation contest.
- 2001 Nov. 6 Arkansas State University Student Chapter of The Wildlife Society is formed.

- 2002 Sept. The Chapter donates \$250 to TWS for an internet server.
- 2002 The Chapter donates \$500 to support the Upland Oak Ecology Symposium. The Chapter donates \$500 to the ASU Student Chapter to support the 2004 Southeastern Wildlife Conclave.
- 2003 Mar. 5 The Chapter presents career service recognition plaques to Dave Urbston and Fred Ward.
- 2003 Mar. 5 The Chapter approves a motion to donate \$200 the 4-H Wildlife Habitat Evaluation contest.
- 2004 The Chapter donates \$500 to the ASU Student Chapter to support the Southeastern Wildlife Conclave.
- 2004 May 6-7 The Chapter approves a motion to the make Special Collections Department at the University of Central Arkansas the permanent repository for historic Chapter documents and materials. Fred Ward and Dave Urbston are elected as Honorary Members retroactive to 2003. John Sunderland and Mike Cartwright were elected to Honorary Membership.
- 2004 Spring The Chapter website is launched as part of the parent society's website. The Chapter decides to make student membership free to Arkansas wildlife students with email addresses.
- 2004 Sept. 9 The Chapter approves a \$500 donation to the parent society's Endowment Campaign for the Public and Policy Educational Program.

PART 2
MEETINGS OF THE ARKANSAS CHAPTER, 1972-2005

DATE	PLACES	CITY
May 6, 1972	Coop. Extension Service, State Office	Little Rock
October 20, 1972	International Paper Co.	Camden
February 16, 1973	Arkansas Power & Light	Little Rock
June 15, 1973	Arkansas Power & Light	Little Rock
September 21, 1973	Veterans Memorial Building	DeWitt
February 15, 1974	Camp Robinson Quail Mgt. Area	Mayflower
June 21, 1974	Arkansas Power & Light	Little Rock
September 20, 1974	Arkansas Highway Department	Little Rock
February 21, 1975	Arkansas Highway Department	Little Rock
June 20, 1975	Ouachita Warden's Quarters, Blakly Mt. Dam	Mountain Pine
September 19, 1975	Arkansas Highway Department	Little Rock
February 29, 1976	Arkansas Highway Department	Little Rock
June 18, 1976	Old Arkansas Game and Fish Commission Building	Little Rock
September, 1976	No meeting held	----
February 7, 1977	Arkansas Highway Department	Little Rock
June 17, 1977	Arkansas Tech. University	Russellville
September 16, 1977	First Federal Bank Building	Crossett
January 20, 1978	Holiday Inn South, Lake Hamilton	Hot Springs
June 16, 1978	Weyerhaeuser Conference Room	Dierks
September 8, 1978	Arkansas Game and Fish Commission	Little Rock
February 16, 1979	Arkansas Game and Fish Commission	Little Rock
June 15, 1979	Camp Robinson Quail Mgt. Area	Mayflower
September 21, 1979	Arkansas Game and Fish Commission	Little Rock
February 5, 1980	Arkansas Game and Fish Commission	Little Rock
June 20, 1980	Arkansas Game and Fish Commission	Little Rock
September 26, 1980	Ozark Folk Center	Mountain View
February 20, 1981	Arkansas Game and Fish Commission	Little Rock
June 12, 1981	Arkansas Game and Fish Commission	Little Rock
September 17-18, 1981	Camp Clear Fork, Ouachita N.F.	Crystal Springs
February 26, 1982	Arkansas Game and Fish Commission	Little Rock
June 18, 1982	Arkansas Game and Fish Commission	Little Rock
September 17, 1982	Univ. of Arkansas-Monticello	Monticello
November 19, 1982	University of Arkansas-Little Rock	Little Rock
February 18, 1983	Arkansas Game and Fish Commission	Little Rock
June 24, 1983	Camp Clearfork, Ouachita N.F.	Crystal Springs
September 16, 1983	Arkansas Game and Fish Commission	Little Rock
February 10, 1984	Arkansas Game and Fish Commission	Little Rock
June 15, 1984	Arkansas Game and Fish Commission	Little Rock
September 20-21, 1984	Coop. Extension Service Building	DeWitt

February 15, 1985	Arkansas Game and Fish Commission	Little Rock
June 28, 1985	Arkansas Game and Fish Commission	Little Rock
September 27, 1985	Arkansas Game and Fish Commission	Little Rock
February 21, 1986	Arkansas Game and Fish Commission	Little Rock
June 20, 1986	Arkansas Game and Fish Commission	Little Rock
September 16-17, 1986	Ozark Folk Center	Mountain View
May 21-22, 1987	Old Washington State Park	Washington
September 21, 1987	Arkansas Game and Fish Commission	Little Rock
March 10-11, 1988	Lake Fort Smith State Park	Mountainburg
October 3, 1988	First Electric Cooperative	Perryville
May 17-18, 1989	Felsenthal National Wildlife Refuge	Crossett
October 5, 1989	Arkansas Game and Fish Commission	Little Rock
May 16-17, 1990	Dumas City Hall	Dumas
October 11-12, 1990	Buffalo National River	Steel Creek Camp
May 23-24, 1991	Ozark Folk Center	Mountain View
October 10-11, 1991	Wattensaw Wildlife Mgt. Area	Hazen
April 30-May 1, 1992	Arkansas Tech University	Russellville
October 15-16, 1992	University of Arkansas-Monticello	Monticello
May 3, 1993	Lake Village State Park	Forrest City
October 21-22, 1993	Fayetteville Hilton	Fayetteville
May 19-20, 1994	SCS Plant Materials Center/Family Farm Research Center & Winrock Farms Conf. Room, Petit Jean Mtn.	Booneville
October 27, 1994	Arkansas State University	Jonesboro
May 11-12, 1995	Mountain Harbor Resort	Mt. Ida
October 19-20, 1995	University of Arkansas-Monticello	Monticello
May 7-8, 1996	USFWS Fish Farming Research Lab.	Stuttgart
October 5, 1996	Arlington Hotel	Hot Springs
Spring 1997	No meeting held	----
Fall 1997	No meeting held	----
June 10-11, 1998	Grandview Prairie Conservation Education Center	Hope
October 14-15, 1998	Arkansas State University	Jonesboro
March 23-24, 1999	Poppa Duck Lodge	St. Charles
October 7-8, 1999	Arkansas Tech University	Russellville
May 3-4, 2000	Cypress Barn Restaurant	Waldron
October 17-18, 2000	University of Arkansas	Fayetteville
February 7-8, 2001	Brighten Inn	Heber Springs
October 4-5, 2001	University of Arkansas-Monticello	Monticello
May 2, 2002	Arkansas Tech University	Russellville
October 7, 2002	Washington Co. Coop. Ext. Service	Fayetteville
March 5-6, 2003	Clarion on the Lake Resort	Hot Springs
October 2-3, 2003	Arkansas State University	Jonesboro
May 7-8, 2004	Grandview Prairie Cons. Center	Hope
September 9-10, 2004	University of Arkansas-Fayetteville	Fayetteville

February 23-25, 2005	Arkansas Tech University	Russellville
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**PART 3
CHAPTER OFFICERS**

YEAR	PRESIDENT	SECRETARY-TREASURER	MEMBER-AT-LARGE
1972	James Miller	Roy Grizzell Jr.	Tom Forister
1973	Noel Yoho	Steve Wilson	Tom Hooper
1974	Roy Grizzell	Bob Pierce	?
1975	Steve Wilson		Raymond McMaster
1976	John Sunderland		Tom Hooper
1977	Jim Sweeney		Paul Daley
1978	Jim Miller*	Lew Johnston	Mike Cartwright
1979	Bob McAnally	Bob Wiley	Jim Fenwood
1980	Carlton Owen	Ron Burkert	Jim Johnson
1981	Paul Brady		
1982	David Urbston		
1983	Jim Fenwood	Bentley Wigley	Bob Bridges
1984	Tony Melchiors	Mike Cartwright	Warren Montague
1985	Bentley Wigley	Mike Pledger	Bob Bridges
1986	Bob Bridges	Doyle Shook	Joe Clark
1987			
1988	Joe Clark		
1989	Danny Adams	Kim Smith	John Sunderland
1990	Gary Hartman	W.F. "Bill" Hailey	Tom Nelson
1991	Mike Widner		
1992	Tom Nelson		
1993	Larry Hedrick	John Sunderland	?
1994	W.F. "Bill" Hailey	Belinda Ederington	Jane (Anderson) Rice
1995	Mike Staten		
1996	Scott Yaich	Thurman Booth	
1997	Phillip Tappe	Linda Knighton	Phillip Tappe
1998	Jerry Wayne Davis	Alicia Lupkes	?
1999	Randall Bullington		
2000	James Bednarz	Laurel Moore	Karen Tinkle
2001	Don McKenzie	Rebecca McPeake	Matt Curry
2002	David Kremenz		
2003	Don White		
2004		Blake Sasse	Steve Duzan
2005	Doyle Shook	To be elected fall 2005	Tom Risch
2006			

PART 4
CHARTER MEMBERS

Robert E. Apple
Michael Cartwright
Edward E. Dale, Jr.
Thomas E. Forester
Roy A. Grizzell
Gary A. Heidt
Tom Hooper
Andrew H. Hulsey
Lew Johnston
Bob Leonard
Raymond McMaster
James E. Miller
Marvin L. Nichols
Robert A. Pierce
Robert Prescott, Jr.
John A. Sealander
John Sunderland
Thomas N. Taylor
Fred Ward
Steve N. Wilson
Bill Allen
Richard Broach
Pat J. Burke
Philip S. Gipson
Gerald Hammett
Donald Kosin
Lloyd McCollum
Jim Montgomery
Richard Otwell
Pratt Remmell Jr.
Mitchell J. Rogers
Gary Valentine
Joe Vandiver
Claude M. Ward
Noel Yoho
Robert Wiley

**PART 5
CHAPTER AWARDS**

**Honor Award for Exemplary Leadership in Fish and Wildlife
Management**

1975

Dr. Rex Hancock, Citizens Committee to Save the Cache
Joe D. Scott, Past Chairman, Arkansas Game and Fish Commission
Jim Soucek, Farmer
Dr. Buck Harris, Farmer
Fay Anderson, Minnow Farmer

Honorary Member

1984

Raymond McMaster
Roy Grizzell

1985

Eldon Lucas
Tom Hooper

2004

Mike Cartwright
John Sunderland
Dave Urbston
Fred Ward

Arkansas Chapter of the Wildlife Society Award of Achievement

For a specific achievement relating to wildlife research, management, or administration
in Arkansas rather than overall excellence in the profession.

1990

Scott Yaich
For his work on the North American Waterfowl Management Plan.

1991

Dennis Widner
For his efforts with bottomland hardwood restoration program, waterfowl management
initiatives on private land, and his efforts to coordinate land acquisition to establish the
Cache River National Wildlife Refuge.

1992

Warren Montague

For his outstanding management projects for the red cockaded woodpecker and the short-leaf pine/blue stem ecosystem within the Ouachita National Forest

Career Service Recognition Award

1989

Robert Pierce

A charter member of the Arkansas Chapter, for his long contribution of service to the Chapter.

2003

Dave Urbston

A former Arkansas Chapter president, he served 37 years in wildlife resource management for the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission and the U.S. Forest Service.

Fred Ward

A charter member of the Arkansas Chapter, the award was presented for his 37 years of service to the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission.