

## NEW MEXICO CHAPTER OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

### President's Messages

Past-President - Ken Boykin

Well now it is over. JAM 2013. The 46th annual Joint Meeting. The first meeting in New Mexico since 2009. Hopefully all that attended enjoyed the meeting. I will let you be the judge if the meeting was successful. I will tell you that the membership of NMTWS spent a lot of time to plan this meeting and I want to acknowledge the planning committees efforts. The planning committee included Ty Allen, Jennifer Frey, Elise Goldstein, Kathy Granillo, Brian Hanson, Renae Held, Rachel Jankowitz, Shawn Knox, Esther Nelson, Bob Osborn, Leland Pierce, Virginia Seamster, Jim Stuart, Terri Thompson, Teri Waldron, Mark Watson, and Valerie Williams. If you attended the meeting, you may have seen these people running around accomplishing varying tasks. If you have not had a chance to thank them, please do the next time you see them. It was a pleasure working with them and I thank them for their efforts.

I want to thank the 2012 Board for their work. I want to thank outgoing board members Shawn Knox (Treasurer), Rachel Jankowitz (Secretary), and Teri Waldron (Board Member). They helped immensely during the year and did a really great job.

Good luck to the new board with President Bob Osborn, President-Elect James Cain, Treasurer Dan Collins, Secretary Virginia Seamster, Board Member Esther Nelson, Board Member Quentin Hays, and Board Member Pam Herrera-Olivas.

At the meeting we were fortunate enough to honor Marikay Ramsey as the Professional of the Year. I also want to acknowledge the recipients of the NMTWS biodiversity scholarship. Those recipients are Sarah Kindschuh, Kevin McCormick, and James Pitman. Congratulations to all.

Finally, I want to thank the membership and Board of NMTWS for allowing me to be your president. It was an honor.

Cheers,

Ken

President - Bob Osborn

As I write this report, the 2013 Joint Annual Meeting (JAM) has just finished. You will find many photos and updates from the JAM within this newsletter. I won't dwell on the JAM, as out-going president Ken Boykin has provided an excellent summary. I would simply like to thank those that submitted presentations and posters and thank those of you who were able to attend. I also would like to thank Ken. Most of you don't realize how much work goes into hosting the JAM or how much time and effort Ken invested in pulling it off.

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Horned Lizard – Matthew Peralta, NMDGF

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In the coming year, the Board will once again tackle revising the bylaws of our Chapter. This is a task that was put on the back burning as we prepared for the JAM. This is mostly a house keeping item. It is necessary to keep the Chapter and Chapter business running as smoothly as possible. The Board will be working closely with the National TWS during this process. Once the proposed changes are ready, we will send the propose bylaws out to you for a vote.

Additionally, the Board will be looking into the possibility of putting on another 1-day meeting, probably in the Fall. We will be looking for professionals and students to give presentations and posters. Start thinking about what you might be able to present! This will be an excellent opportunity for you to present your work. The 1-day meeting will also be more affordable for those of you on a tight budget.

One of the most important things a professional society can do is serve its members. But to accomplish this task we need feedback from you! Don't hesitate to contact myself or any other board member if you have ideas, questions, or comments. Most importantly – VOTE! Even if you don't have time to run for the Board or become more actively involved in the Chapter, voting is an import way you can participate and make a difference. Over the next year you will have the opportunity to voice your opinions on changes to the Chapter bylaws and who will represent you in 2014. The Board will search for ways to make voting as easy as possible. Please do your part when the time comes.

Finally, many of you may have experienced problems gaining access to our NM-TWS website. We are working to resolve these problems and hope to have the website back up and running again soon. As you are waiting, don't forget that you can follow us on Facebook and Twitter. These sites are still up and running and we will keep posting important notices on both.

All for now,  
Bob Osborn, NM-TWS President

### News Around New Mexico

#### New Mexico Environment Department - The New Mexico Environment Department Seeks Public Input on Water Quality Study of the Jemez River Watershead

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) Surface Water Quality Bureau (SWQB) is seeking public input on planning for a surface water quality study of Jemez River Watershed. The survey will be conducted from April to October, 2013. The survey area includes the Jemez River from the headwaters to the Village of San Ysidro. The results of the survey will be used to determine water quality status, track water quality improvements, and identify impaired waterbodies.

A public meeting will be held March 5, 2013 from 6-8 pm, at the Village of Jemez Springs conference room. Representatives from the SWQB will discuss the draft monitoring plan and will provide an opportunity for the public to ask questions and provide input. The SWQB is seeking the opinion of area residents, governmental agencies, Pueblos, and other concerned parties on the study design and any potential areas of concern that may not be addressed in the draft study plan. The data gathered may be used to develop total maximum daily loads (TMDLs) if any bodies of water are identified as impaired by one or more types of pollution. A TMDL is a planning document that establishes specific goals for water quality conditions. It includes reduction estimates for pollutants currently exceeding state surface water quality standards, and leads to the development of restoration plans suggesting what actions might be taken to attain water quality standards. The process for developing a TMDL will be described and discussed at the meeting.

Additional information can be found on the web at <http://www.nmenv.state.nm.us/swqb>. Questions and comments can be directed to Greg Huey at (505) 827-0596, 1190 St. Francis Dr., Santa Fe, NM 87505, or e-mail at [greg.huey@state.nm.us](mailto:greg.huey@state.nm.us) or Doug Eib at (505) 827-0106, 1190 St. Francis Dr., Santa Fe, NM 87505, or e-mail at [doug.eib@state.nm.us](mailto:doug.eib@state.nm.us).

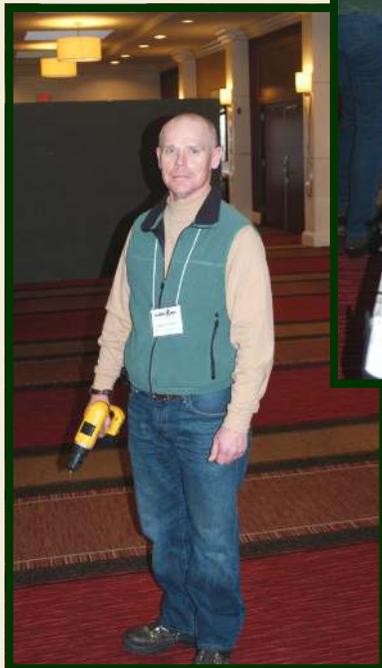
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### 2013 JAM Recap

The 2013 Joint Annual Meeting, February 7-9 in Albuquerque, NM was a big success. Approximately 350 people attended the conference, 80 papers were presented, and 25 posters displayed. Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time to assist with the conference!



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### 2013 JAM - NM TWS Professional of the Year Award



#### MARIKAY RAMSEY

**New Mexico Bureau of Land Management**

**Threatened & Endangered Species Program Leader:**

“Although Marikay has worked for a variety of both state and federal agencies (Arizona Game and Fish Department, U.S. Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, etc.) throughout her career, she is currently the Threatened and Endangered Species Program Leader for the New Mexico office of the Bureau of Land Management. In this position, Marikay spends countless hours of both her professional and personal time promoting wildlife conservation, educating various groups about bats and White Nose Syndrome, traveling the state of New Mexico conducting bat/caves surveys and research projects, and preparing manuscripts for publication. Marikay is

looked to as one of the leading bat biologists in the state of New Mexico and has taken the lead in developing the interagency New Mexico White Nose Syndrome Response Plan. In addition to her work with bats, Marikay has worked diligently to promote the conservation of a number of other species such as the highly controversial sand dune lizard and prairie chicken, seeking to minimize potential impacts from the oil and gas industry. She has spent countless hours of her personal time traveling to the Carlsbad area to work to conserve these two highly controversial species.

Over her career, Marikay has contributed significantly to the conservation and preservation of our natural resources. As an example, Marikay’s recent bat survey work has led to the discovery of the occurrence of lesser long nose bats foraging at hummingbird feeders north of the species currently known summer range. As a result of this discovery, Marikay is now working to seek funding to place telemetry equipment on bats in an effort to identify currently unknown roosts and/or maternity sites in southern New Mexico. Furthermore, Marikay has been capturing bats and conducting acoustic surveys for years across the state of New Mexico, resulting in a substantial amount of important data on a number of bat species. She has been an officer in the past, and remains an active member of the New Mexico Bat Working Group, and routinely travels to state and national bat conferences and symposia each year sharing information with her counterparts across the U.S. In addition, Marikay has also taken the lead in the state of New Mexico for the development of an interagency alternative energy working group which is identifying and addressing impacts to listed and sensitive species from both solar and wind generation facilities.

She routinely works across agency boundaries leading interagency efforts involving agencies such as the U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Park Service, New Mexico Game and Fish Department, Arizona Game and Fish Department among others. Much of the work that Marikay has accomplished has resulted in making better “on the ground” wildlife management decisions in the area of oil and gas development, alternative energy projects, livestock management, and other activities occurring on federal lands.

Marikay is active in the arena of environmental education particularly related to bats. Most recently she participated in the development of the interagency public outreach documents and education efforts for New Mexico related to White Nose Syndrome in bats. Furthermore, she has often provided education and guidance to young girls that are interested in the science field, spending time with young women to educate them on the importance of math and science. She has routinely providing young women with the opportunity to experience conducting wildlife surveys and wildlife management efforts through field trips

Marikay is an extremely determined biologist whose compassion and love for our natural resources keeps her commitment to natural resource conservation alive. She truly is an inspiration for old and young wildlife biologists alike.”

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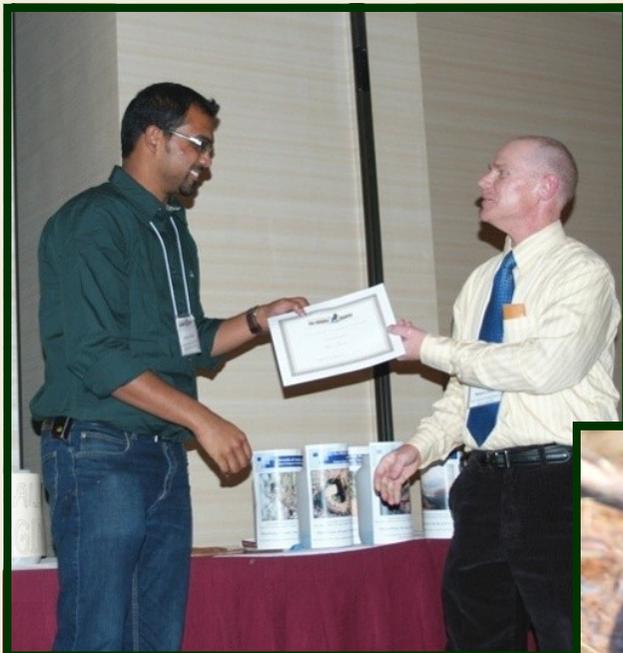
## 2013 JAM - Award Winners



James Pitman - NM TWS Biodiversity Scholarship



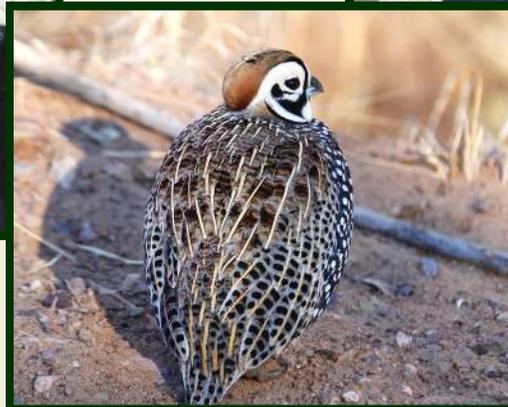
Brittany Oleson - Best Wildlife Student Paper



Ashwin Naidu - Best Wildlife Student Poster



Mark Watson - Photography Contest, Best in Show Montezuma Quail, left



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# 2013 Desert Bighorn Council Meeting

Las Cruces, New Mexico



You are invited to attend the 52nd Desert Bighorn Council Meeting at the Hotel Encanto in Las Cruces, NM April 17-20, 2013.

For more information visit:

[www.rsvpbook.com/DBC2013](http://www.rsvpbook.com/DBC2013)

**Second Call For Papers:** Abstracts for papers and posters are due by March 10, 2013. Please submit abstracts to [Eric.Rominger@state.nm.us](mailto:Eric.Rominger@state.nm.us).

Hotel information: Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces  
705 SOUTH TELSHOR BLVD ~ LAS CRUCES, NM 88011  
[www.HotelEncanto.com](http://www.HotelEncanto.com) 1-866-383-0443

#### Highlights

- ◆ April 17—Evening Welcome Reception
- ◆ April 18 and 19—Paper Presentations
- ◆ April 19—Awards Banquet
- ◆ April 20—All Day Field Trip to White Sands Missile Range and San Andres National Wildlife Refuge

Contact: Eric Rominger, New Mexico Department of Game and Fish, 505-476-8045,



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**THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY  
20TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin  
October 5-10, 2013**

**CALL FOR PAPERS AND POSTER - Deadline: April 12, 2013, midnight CST**

Contributed papers and posters on topics of wildlife ecology, management, conservation, education, or policy are invited for the 20th Annual Conference of The Wildlife Society. Abstracts will not be published, so we encourage reports from the author's most recent scientific investigations and management experiences. Presentations will, however, be audio recorded and made available to conference attendees after the conference. All contributed papers (oral presentations) will be scheduled for 20 minutes, which includes 15 minutes for the presentation and five minutes for questions.

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.

**Submission**

All proposals must be submitted through the [online submission site hosted by OASIS](#). You may start a submission, save your work, and return to complete or revise your submission as often as you like until the submission deadline. Only one contributed paper or poster may be submitted per primary author.

Abstracts must be under 300 words, and should include a statement of objectives, brief description of methods, principal results, and conclusions. Include scientific names in the abstract but not in the paper/poster title. Do not abbreviate place names (e.g. state or country) in the paper/poster title. Do not include paper/poster title or author information in the abstract. You will be asked to choose one of the following subject categories, which have been refined from previous years.

Conservation and Management of Birds  
Ecology and Habitat Relationships of Birds  
Conservation and Management of Mammals  
Ecology and Habitat Relationships of Mammals  
Reptiles and Amphibians  
Biometrics and Population Modeling  
Ecology and Conservation of Communities, Ecosystems, and Landscapes  
Wildlife Damage Management  
Wildlife Diseases and Toxicology  
New Technology and Applications  
Conservation Planning and Policy  
Human Dimensions and Conservation Education  
Wildlife Education and Professional Development  
Managing Game Populations

**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).

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### News from National TWS

**The Wildlife Society is currently accepting applications for its Leadership Institute. Deadline: April 1, 2013.**

The Institute's goal is to facilitate development of new leaders within TWS and the wildlife profession. The Institute will recruit 10-15 promising early-career professionals for a series of intensive activities and mentoring relationships. The focus will be on exposing participants to the inner workings of TWS and increasing the number of active leaders in TWS and the wildlife profession. From May to October, participants will engage in a series of activities to develop and expand their leadership skills. Institute members will also attend the [TWS Annual Conference](#) and participate in various activities, including mentoring and leadership workshop sessions. The Institute is free, and participants will receive free registration and a travel grant for the conference.

Participation in the Institute is geared towards early-career professionals, individuals two to three years out of school (either undergraduate or graduate school), currently working full-time in a wildlife professional position, and with demonstrated evidence of their leadership potential. A small number of slots may also be available for more recent graduates who have shown strong evidence of their leadership potential or for those who are working while concurrently pursuing a graduate degree.

**All applicants must be members of TWS and a chapter or section of TWS.**

The selection committee will be seeking to create a diverse group, with participants of varying gender, ethnic, and regional diversity. Selection will be based upon:

- An excellent academic record
- Demonstrated leadership capability or potential
- Demonstrated level of excellence in current position
- Commitment to and involvement in TWS

Preference will be given to individuals who are certified as Associate Wildlife Biologists® or Certified Wildlife Biologists®, or who have submitted such an application to TWS.

Applicants must submit the following materials:

#### Online Application;

- Cover letter with evidence of leadership capacity or potential, such as previous leadership positions held in TWS chapters or student chapters or in other organizations;
- Resume including a list of publications, awards, etc.;
- Academic transcripts (scanned copy);

Two letters of recommendation from supervisors, academic advisors, professors, or others in leadership positions with whom you have worked and who are familiar with your leadership potential, commitment to TWS, and commitment to wildlife management and conservation; letters should be emailed directly from the individual making the recommendation to Laura Bies at [laura@wildlife.org](mailto:laura@wildlife.org), subject line "Leadership Institute Recommendation for [applicant last name]";

- An essay (1000 word limit), which succinctly summarizes (1) your concept of leadership, (2) your aspiration for your role within TWS in 5 to 10 years, and (3) why you are an ideal candidate for the Institute.

Email all materials (except the online application form and recommendation letters) in one PDF to Laura Bies at [laura@wildlife.org](mailto:laura@wildlife.org).

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New Mexico Chapter -  
The Wildlife Society  
P.O. Box 35936  
Albuquerque, NM 87176

NMTWS is an active affiliate of The Wildlife Society that is dedicated to promoting sound management and conservation of New Mexico's wildlife resources.

Membership is open to all professionals, students and laypersons interested in wildlife research, management, education and administration.

Our chapter works to maintain communication among wildlife professionals, encourages communication between those professionals and the general public, supports continuing education through grants, workshops and regional meetings, encourages student involvement in the wildlife profession, and actively participates in shaping management and conservation policy through letters, public statements and resolutions.

## We're on the Web!

Check out our new website that was created last year. <http://www.wildlife.org/chapters/nm>



## Membership Form

<i>First name</i>					
<i>Last name</i>					
<i>Organization</i>					
<i>Address</i>					
<i>City</i>		<i>State</i>		<i>Zip</i>	
<i>Telephone (day)</i>		<i>Fax</i>			
<i>Email</i>					

**Please join or update your membership today!**

**Thank You!**

Please complete the membership form and mail it with your \$8 dues to:

**The Wildlife Society  
New Mexico Chapter  
PO Box 35936**

**Albuquerque, NM 87176-3593.**

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