

# THE NORTHEAST SECTION OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

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photographer

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## Call for Nominations- Awards Presented by the Northeast Section of The Wildlife Society

The Northeast Section seeks nominations for five awards. Two are recognitions at the national level, and three are Section awards. Recognition of professional accomplishments by our peers is an important responsibility for TWS, and we need our members to take the time to nominate one or more of your colleagues. If you know of a deserving colleague, do not delay: Begin gathering the nomination materials together now!

All nominations should be sent to the Awards Committee Chair, Gordon Batcheller ([gordon.batcheller@gmail.com](mailto:gordon.batcheller@gmail.com)), except, as noted, for the Fellows Program.

*Award descriptions can be found on the next page*



## Northeast Updates:

### NATIONAL-LEVEL AWARDS:

**Fellows Program** – The Fellows Program recognizes members who have distinguished themselves through exceptional service to our profession. TWS Fellows serve as ambassadors for the Society and as such are encouraged to engage in outreach and other activities that will benefit and promote both TWS and the wildlife profession. Additional information and the nomination form is available here:

<http://wildlife.org/tws-fellows-program/>.

*Nominations are due by February 1, 2018 to TWS headquarters, or January 15, 2018 to the Section's Awards Committee Chair. (Nominations may be submitted by a Section, Chapter, or individual member. Only 2 Fellows may be selected per Section annually.)*

**Distinguished Service Award** – The Wildlife Society Distinguished Service Award recognizes TWS members who have made a long-term commitment to the Society based on at least 20 years of membership, and their actions to further the mission of the Society. Only one Distinguished Service Award will be awarded per year. Any TWS member, Chapter, Section, or Working Group may submit a nomination. Additional information and the nomination form is available here:

<http://wildlife.org/distinguished-service-award/>.

*The nomination package must be sent to the Section's Award Committee Chair no later than April 1, 2018.*

### SECTION AWARDS:

#### The P.F. English Memorial Award

The P.F. English Memorial Award is presented annually by the Northeast Section to an outstanding undergraduate senior studying wildlife biology or wildlife management within the Section. Its purpose is to acknowledge and encourage students, and to perpetuate the name of the late P.F. English, an outstanding educator, sportsman, and inspiration to youth.

*Submit the student's name, transcripts, GRE scores if available, evidence of work experience, and a personal letter of recommendation to the Awards Committee Chair.*

*The deadline is February 15, 2018.*

#### Certificates of Recognition

Certificates of recognition are awarded to people in any area of work, professional or non-professional, who have made noteworthy contributions to knowledge about wildlife or wildlife management, furthered public appreciation of wildlife, or who have helped to improve wildlife habitat through the modification of land use practices. Any member of the Section may recommend persons for a Certificate of Recognition.

*Submit the nominee's name, justification(s), resumes, and letters of support to the Awards Committee Chair.*

*The deadline is February 15, 2018.*

#### John Pearce Memorial Award

This award seeks section members with outstanding professional accomplishments in the Northeast. The criteria for are: (1) contribution of knowledge, (2) leadership over a period of several years in any area of the wildlife profession, including research, management, administration, or education. Evidence of accomplishment can include but isn't limited to publications, skills development, application of effective management approaches, implementation of educational programs or methods. Any member of the Northeast Section may nominate a professional for this prestigious award.

*Submit the candidate's name, justifications, resume, and letters of support to the Awards Committee Chair.*

*The deadline is February 15, 2018.*

## Northeast Updates:



### Northeast Section Featured Member: Tammy Colt!

*What is your current position and specialization?*

I am a Regional Wildlife Diversity Biologist for the Pennsylvania Game Commission, covering the 10 counties of PA's Southwest Region. My job focuses on the birds and mammals listed as species of greatest conservation need in our state's Wildlife Action Plan – over 100 species. Most of my time is spent on providing recommendations to private landowners for habitat management, and then overseeing habitat improvement projects.

*What made you decide to get into the wildlife profession?*

I always loved animals and the outdoors. My father was a PA Game Commission deputy, and I tagged along with him for many wildlife adventures. I grew up on a farm, and my family always spent time outdoors. BUT, not one advisor in high school or college mentioned wildlife as a career option for me. After following a few other career paths, I finally decided that I wanted to work in wildlife conservation, so I went to graduate school. I was really fortunate that PGC was hiring wildlife biologists right after my graduation!

*What is the most interesting aspect of your job?*

I love that there is so much variation in my job – it changes with the seasons and, honestly, no two days in a row are alike. For example, in the past week I did two public programs – one for landowners and one for high school students; I spent one day in the field, alone, marking trees for a habitat project, and two days in the office working on project management and proposals. That's a pretty typical week for me. I like working with people, and doing private lands work, I meet a lot of people from different walks of life. My job is never boring! The other thing I love is driving past one of my habitat projects and being able to say, "I did that!" – and better yet, getting those phone calls from the landowners of those project areas that start out with, "Guess what we saw on the property!"

*How would you describe your experience with the Northeast Section?*

I've been a member for years, but I'm really excited to be on the Executive Board now, working with the Section leaders. Over the last couple of years, the Section has increased opportunities for members to participate, and our president, Emily Just, plans to continue that trend.

*What advice can you give to new members who are just beginning their wildlife career?*

Do as many job shadow and volunteer opportunities as you can, and when you do, jump in and get your hands dirty! Take advantage of field opportunities like the NE Field Course and workshops offered by state chapters. When you set up job shadow or volunteer opportunities, it needs to be YOU that communicates with the professionals – not your parents or your professor. When you're offered an opportunity, be on time, dress for the field (ask questions first so you know what to wear and what to bring), and while you've got the professional's attention, take advantage and ask a lot of questions about

*Tammy Colt continued on page 3...*

## Featured Photographer: Joe Carter

Joe is a Junior in the Environmental Studies program with a concentration in Conservation Ecology at California University of Pennsylvania. He joined the Wildlife Society in the Fall of last year. He began taking pictures approximately a year ago, shooting film with his father's old Pentax K1000. His focus as a photographer is black and white film nature photography

If you're interested in any more of his photography you can check it out on [his instagram page](#).



If you are interested or know anyone who may be interested, email Sydney at [spicesa15@juniata.edu](mailto:spicesa15@juniata.edu)

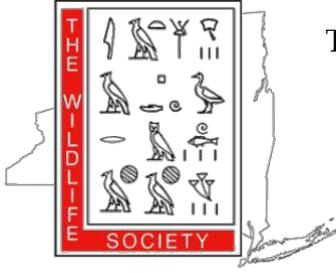
*Tammy Colt continued...*

the field work you're doing and the wildlife profession. Also, while you're student, take advantage of your student discount and try as many outdoor activities as you can – you may learn skills that will come in handy for a job later! In my current position, I have had to kayak, cave, snowshoe, and cross-country ski. PGC hasn't asked me to do field work on a horse yet, but I'm ready if they ever do!

*What is your favorite story to tell regarding your work?*

Oh boy – it's hard to pick just one story! When you combine working outdoors with wildlife and the public, you gather a book-full of great stories. Here's a cool story that happened just this year, plus I have pics to go with it, so here goes: For several years, I have helped PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources staff with surveying grassland birds on an expanse of old strip mine. The area holds some really cool grassland birds. Starting out on a survey this year, I asked DCNR Biologist, Aura Stauffer, if anyone had surveyed for herps here, because the habitat looks perfect for smooth green snakes. We talked about how it would be difficult for them to colonize it, because the surrounding habitat is forested. We also talked about how restoration may not be an option, as snakes generally don't deal well with being translocated. Later that morning, as we were heading back to the vehicle, the interns started shrieking at something on the ground. Lo and behold, they had found a smooth green snake!

## Northeast Updates:



The New York Chapter of The Wildlife Society is pleased to announce the  
**2018 Annual Meeting**  
**March 22<sup>nd</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
**Senate Garage, Kingston, NY**

**Registration:** Student/Presenter \$80, Professional-Member \$120, Professional Non-Member \$140, Student One-Day \$45.

*Registration will open on January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018*

### Call for Presenters/Abstracts

We invite you to submit short abstract and a title of the topic. Abstracts must be under 500 words, and should include a statement of objectives, brief description of methods, results, and conclusions.

*Abstracts should be submitted by Friday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018 11:59pm EST. Please submit abstracts to [NYTWS.Pres@gmail.com](mailto:NYTWS.Pres@gmail.com) with the subject "2018 Annual Meeting Abstract – YOUR LAST NAME".*

### Call for Award Nominations

The Chapter Awards continue an annual endeavor by our Chapter to recognize contributions to the wildlife profession by highly qualified individuals.

*Nominations should be submitted by Friday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018 11:59PM EST. Please submit nominations to [NYTWS.Pres@gmail.com](mailto:NYTWS.Pres@gmail.com) with the subject: 2018 'Name of Award' - 'Name of Nominee'.*

- **Outstanding Professional:** This award will be made to a wildlife professional, or group of wildlife professionals working together, for outstanding, professional accomplishments in the wildlife field in New York State. Included in the criteria for judging the professional excellence of the nominees will be contributions to knowledge, innovation, importance, applicability, and leadership in any facet of wildlife work, including research, management, preservation, conservation, administration, education, and enforcement. Nominees for the award need not be members of NY-TWS. The person making the nomination must be a currently active member of NY-TWS, NE Section of TWS, national TWS, or a student TWS Chapter.
- **Outstanding Conservationist:** This award will be made to an individual, or group of individuals working together, outside the wildlife profession, for significant contributions to the field of wildlife management; for furthering public understanding of the wildlife resource; or for developing, initiating, or coordinating programs in the wildlife management field which have notably enhanced the wildlife resource in New York State.

*New York Chapter Annual Meeting continued on page 4...*



**Summer 2018 NE Field Course Registration  
now open!**

To register or learn more, [click here](#)



## Northeast Updates:

*New York Chapter Annual Meeting continued...*

- **Stuart Free Award:** This award acknowledges a legacy of diligent, focused, hard work. The award will recognize the effort of other individual(s) or groups who have exhibited tenacious effort and diligent professional service in a manner that is inspiring to their peers; and a cumulative contribution that has been overlooked or taken for granted. Like the Outstanding Professional Award, it is intended to encourage and reward the work, accomplishments and important contributions of an individual or group, as opposed to a specific accomplishment.
- **Honorary Member:** This designation is conferred to persons who, by a majority vote of all Chapter members, have been thus recognized for their achievements; they do not pay dues but have all benefits of membership.
- **Outstanding Student:** Two awards recognize outstanding professional service, scholarship, or outreach by students - one at the undergraduate level, and one at the graduate student level. Nominees need either be currently registered as a student or recently graduated (within the past academic year) from a two- or four-year institution in NY State, although students need not be NY State residents.

For more information please visit our webpage [here!](#)

### Call for Planning Committee Members

As President-Elect and Chair of the Planning Committee, I'm tasked with planning and organizing the 2018 Annual Meeting. I am personally inviting any student and professional to become a member of the Planning Committee! Members can assist with any or all of the following: Student Quiz Bowl, the Student-Professional Mixer, a meeting workshop, and any other ins & outs of the planning process. If you are interested in becoming more involved with the chapter or would just like to help out, this is a great way to do just that! I welcome anyone to join the Planning Committee! If interested, you can email me at [pciacono@gmail.com](mailto:pciacono@gmail.com).

Thank you,  
Peter C. Iacono  
President-Elect  
Chair of the Planning Committee

### Draft Agenda

#### Thursday, March 22nd

8:15-9:00 Registration  
9:00-9:15 *Welcome* - NYS TWS President  
9:15-10:30 Presentations  
10:30-10:45 Break  
10:45-12:00 Presentations  
12:00-1:30 Lunch to be served  
1:30-2:45 Presentations  
2:45-3:00 Break  
3:00-3:45 Presentations  
3:45-4:15 Keynote Speaker  
4:15-5:00 Business Meeting

5:00-6:00 Dinner to be served

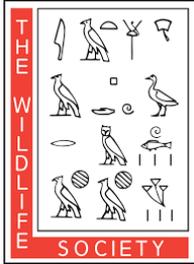
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6:00-7:00 Student Quiz Bowl  
7:00-? Social Hour and Student Professional mixer at  
Local Watering Hole

#### Friday, March 23rd

7:45-8:30 Registration  
8:25-8:30 Good morning and housekeeping  
8:30-10:00 Presentations  
10:00-10:15 Break  
10:15-11:30 Presentations  
11:30-12:00 Awards/Raffle Drawing and Closing

## Northeast Updates:



### The Northeast Section of The Wildlife Society's workshops at NEAFWA

The Northeast Section of The Wildlife Society is proud to sponsor two workshops at this year's NEAFWA conference in Burlington. **Use of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles for Wildlife Research** will be a full day workshop (9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.) held at the University of Vermont (~1 mile from Hilton Burlington) consisting of an introduction to drones



in the morning and a field demonstration in the afternoon. **Q & A about Q & A: Designing Effective Human Dimensions Research Tools and Getting the Most From the Data** will be a half day (8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.) workshop held at the Hilton Burlington.

Andrew Wilson, an assistant professor from Gettysburg College, and Merlin Benner, President of Wildlife Specialists, will be leading the unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) workshop. UAV's (drones) are becoming an ever-increasing technology to efficiently collect accurate fine-scale data remotely. As this technology continues to mature in systems, software, procedures and regulatory environments, this an exciting time to consider applying this tool to collect real-time geographic, vegetative, and other natural resource data for use in your field of study. This workshop will provide an introduction to UAV's in wildlife research and monitoring including status updates and case studies, but will also include a field demonstration of drones in the afternoon. For individuals or agencies interested in applying UAVs or for those who are seeking an expert opinion in this field, this workshop will be extremely beneficial. Please note that this workshop is capped at 30 attendees.

An excellent team including Anita Morzilla (University of Connecticut), Coren Jagnow (Pennsylvania Game Commission), and Samara Trusso (Pennsylvania Game Commission) is lined up to lead our human dimensions workshop (Q & A about Q & A: designing effective human dimensions research tools and getting the most from the data). Understanding the needs of the public using surveys is an important task to help define the goals and objectives of natural resource agencies which helps ensure a healthy relationship with constituents. However, the design, analysis, and distribution of surveys needs to be efficient and effective to maximize participation and meet the survey's objectives. This workshop will cover three topics including an introduction to human dimension data types and collection tools as well as identification of population, sampling frame, and methodology for gathering information about a specific group. Finally, you will learn how to develop messaging and public relations programming to effectively communicate to the public. Space is limited to 30 individuals so make sure to sign up as soon as possible.

Since space for these workshops is limited, make sure to sign up when registering for the 74<sup>th</sup> Annual NEAFWA conference which can be found at <http://www.neafwa.org/registration.html> .



## Northeast Updates:

### **Congratulations to Bill Healy, Steve Williams, and John McDonald!**

Three members of the Northeast Section have been selected at 2018 Forest Resources Outstanding Alumni, Penn State.

This award was created in 2000 to recognize outstanding alumni of the School of Forest Resources - now the Department of Ecosystem Science and Management. It also serves to foster relationships between recipients and students, faculty, staff, and other alumni.

The Executive Board of the Northeast Section would like to say a big congratulation to Bill, Steve, and John on their recognition, and thank them for the excellent work that they have done, and continue to do!



*Photo courtesy of Joe Carter*



## Northeast Section's 2018 Student Conclave!



This year's Student Conclave is being hosted by Green Mountain College in Poultney, VT from April 13-15. Be sure to mark it in your calendars!

## Northeast Updates:

### ARE YOU CERTIFIED?



The Wildlife Society (TWS) is committed to the advancement of wildlife professionals engaged in creating a better future for wildlife and their habitats through science-based management and conservation. One of the ways we strive to do this is through professional certification of wildlife biologists. Every TWS Section and Chapter is encouraged to promote professional standards and participation of wildlife professionals in certification and continuing education.

Discussions about defining standards for wildlife professionals, i.e., certification, began within TWS more than 50 years ago. The TWS certification program was endorsed and launched in 1977. Since 1977 more than 1,600 members have become certified including about 270 residing in the Northeast Section. Within the Northeast this represents slightly less than one-third of all members.

Certification essentially is a third-party confirmation of an individual's level of expertise in a profession. Certification by TWS constitutes recognition that, to its best knowledge, a TWS member meets the minimum educational, experience, and ethical standards adopted by the Society for professional wildlife biologists.

Applications for certification are reviewed by TWS' Certification Review Board (CRB), which is comprised of five certified members, chosen to provide equitable representation of The Wildlife Society Sections and professional disciplines. The Board evaluates each Associate Wildlife Biologist (AWB®) and Certified Wildlife Biologist (CWB®) application to determine if an applicant meets the requirements.

I believe certification makes our profession and TWS stronger and more relevant in our society. To protect the public from charlatans and reckless individuals who claim to have professional credentials, and make our profession more accountable, and to increase our value proposition in the public eye, we should lean into certification. It is a sacrifice - and may not be 'necessary' for some professionals - but in support of our profession, our ethical standards and our standing among other professions, I believe all working biologists should join TWS and should submit their credentials for certification review. It is really a small personal sacrifice but a great service to our profession and to the wildlife resources we work to conserve.

Two of my favorite quotes are "If you stand for nothing, you'll fall for anything" and "If you don't know where you're going any road will get you there!" We need to stand up for our profession and the standards it promotes and we need to travel the path toward increased public relevancy and appreciation for wildlife professionals.

I implore our leaders, members, mentors, students, student advisors, and all who care about TWS and the wildlife profession to encourage membership, certification applications and to push employers and their human resource departments to require or at least promote certification standards for employment.

More information is available at TWS Certification Programs and I have a Certification PowerPoint presentation that I'm willing to share - and/or willing to present to your group - upon request.

We must all do our part!

WE ARE....THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY!

*Article by  
Calvin W. DuBrock*

Cal is a Certified Wildlife Biologist®, a member of the TWS Certification Review Board, President-Elect of the Pennsylvania Chapter of TWS and the Maurice K. Goddard Chair in Forestry and Environmental Resource Conservation at Penn State University

## Student Chapter Updates:

### California University of Pennsylvania Update

The California University of Pennsylvania Student Chapter of The Wildlife Society has had a busy fall semester. In September, ten Cal U of PA students and their advisor, Dr. Carol Bocetti, went to the TWS National Conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico. While there, four Cal-U of PA seniors and one alternate student (pictured below) competed in the annual student quiz-bowl competition where they took third in the nation and were the last Northeast Section Student Chapter remaining. This is the first time in the Cal-U of PA's Student Chapter history that their quiz bowl team placed in the top three.

The students also attended a variety of symposia and meetings while at the conference, all the while networking

and building connections to help them in their future careers. Several students represented Cal U of PA at the Student Development Working Group, Early Career Professional Working Group Meetings. Three students, Luke Gray, Kristin Bomboy and Nikki Williams attended the SDWG Leader's Lunch to share their ideas with other Student Chapters and Section Representatives.

Laken Ganoë also presented her research on the fisher population in Pennsylvania during the Student Research in Progress poster session. This was also the first year in a while that there was a student research poster presented from Cal U of PA. Two students attended the annual Council meeting at the end of the conference. This is the third year that Cal U of PA has had representation in the audience at the Council meetings, and hopefully will not be the last!

The students at Cal U of PA are already preparing to raise money in anticipation of taking more students to next year's conference in Cleveland, OH. Two of the many activities the Cal U of Pa students have done this fall semester include attending an ecological restoration workshop at the Wilds in Cumberland, Ohio and volunteering their time at local Pennsylvania Bear Check Stations.



**Third Place Quiz Bowl Team from Cal U (left to right) Kristin Bomboy, Jerry Koza, Laken Ganoë, Luke Gray, Jake Newbill**



*Photos courtesy of Joe Carter*

## Student Chapter Updates

### Juniata College on Recruiting Students

The Juniata College Chapter, like most other student chapters of TWS, always finds itself busy. We have a strong steering committee, an active advisor, and committed leaders. However, despite our strong core leadership, in the midst of our second year as a club, we were struggling to attract freshmen to our club.

When members attended a student leadership brunch during the Raleigh conference last fall, they realized that many other student chapters struggle with the same issue. As a club, we tried to think of solutions for the issue – more speakers, shorter meetings, fewer meetings... Solutions would work, but only a little bit or temporarily. So, we decided to try something different.

At the beginning of every year, Juniata College hosts an orientation program for incoming students called Inbound. There are over 15 different Inbound programs including Club Sports, Big Brothers, Big Sisters, Martial Arts and more. We decided to design an Inbound program focusing on wildlife.

We had 10 incoming freshmen participate in our program, most of them Wildlife POEs. The



**Freshmen learned about mist netting from club advisor, Dr. Chuck Yohn**

three-day program consisted of mist-netting, catching fence lizards, owl-calling in the evenings, kayaking, and marking map turtles for research. Even the leaders thought the program was a blast. Everybody involved seemed really into the activities, and all seemed to be having fun.

Overall, we would say that the program was incredibly successful in introducing freshmen to our chapter, and getting them to join the club. Many of them are now playing an active part in club leadership! Hopefully this program is something we can continue at Juniata, and one that will continue to

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### Paul Smith's College Update

The Paul Smith's College Student Chapter of the Wildlife Society has been busy this past semester! During our second meeting, we had the wonderful Mark Manske of Adirondack Raptors come in and talk to members about his research with saw whet owls. Our members were then able to sign up to volunteer to catch, band, and take measurement of these adorable little owls!

Eight members attended the national TWS conference for a week where our advisor and chapter president, Dr. Ross Conover and Ashley Hodge, presented posters on their research. Our members attended talks presented by wildlife professionals from all over the country and participated in Quiz Bowl, where we unfortunately lost in the second round.

Following the week-long adventure in Albuquerque, we held a workshop on mist netting with Dr. Ross Conover and also played a game of telemetry hide and seek in the cold Upstate New York rain. Bobby O'Connor, a recreation professor at our college, came in a week later and talked to members about survival in the field and what to pack when you head out in the woods. Following the talk with Bobby, our own Dr. Curt Stager gave his "Human Heritage" presentation, where he talked about the roots of humans in the Adirondack Park.

In spring, we plan on having Dr. Eric Simandle discuss graduate school with members, as well as hold a job seeking and resume workshop. We are also looking forward to holding a series of student talks so members, and other members of our community can hear about students' summer work experiences in the field!

## Northeast Updates:

The Northeast Section presents...

### Wildlife Governance Principles & Public Trust Practice Training



**We are facing an increasingly challenging management environment.**

**We are facing a crisis of relevancy and credibility.**

**We can adapt to meet these challenges and achieve our mission.**

Natural resource agencies are under increasing pressure to demonstrate relevance to all citizens. Staff from Cornell University, the Wildlife Management Institute, and three state agencies are leading an interactive workshop to help natural resource agency staff meet this challenge. The workshop will increase understanding of agencies' public trust responsibilities, Wildlife Governance Principles, and how to improve agency practices to increase relevancy.

**What are Wildlife Governance Principles?** Normative statements that provide guidance for the practices and procedures that determine how decisions are made and how responsibilities are exercised in fish and wildlife conservation. The principles are a blend of public trust thinking and good governance norms that address the themes of:

- Strategic thinking and organizational adaptability
- Evidence-based and broadly informed decision-making
- Transparency and accountability for decisions and actions
- Inclusive and diverse participation in decision-making
- Capacity to deliver conservation

**The Wildlife Governance Principles guide agency adaptation...**

...from static to dynamic priorities;

...from a focus on "game" species to conservation of all species;

...from a narrow constituency to a broad constituency; and

...to maintain or expand relevancy, support, and funding.

**Please Join Us! WMI is offering training to staff from NEAFWA and SEAFWA states April 3 - 5 in Davis, West Virginia. Space is limited and will be allocated first-come, first-served.**

For more information, see: <https://blogs.cornell.edu/publictrustpractice/> or contact: Chris Smith, WMI Western Field Rep., at [csmithwmi@msn.com](mailto:csmithwmi@msn.com); 406-202-0003

#### Did you know?

There are 27 Working Groups active within The Wildlife Society, encompassing nearly all facets of the complex wildlife profession. Working groups are forums where TWS members with common professional interests can network, exchange information and promote science-based decision-making and management of wildlife and its habitats. [Click here](#) to see a complete list of TWS Working Groups and find out how you can join at [wildlife.org/join/](http://wildlife.org/join/).

## Northeast Updates:

### Read the Most Talked About Papers From JWM and WSB

By Nancy Sasavage

TWS Director of Publications and Communications

Are you taking advantage of your free access to TWS journals?

As a member of The Wildlife Society, you can now easily read the full text of every paper – including the most talked about papers – from the *Journal of Wildlife Management* and the *Wildlife Society Bulletin*. This new benefit has been extremely popular since it was launched in January 2017. And it's leading to increased visibility for papers published in TWS Journals.

The list of papers below includes those with the highest Altmetric scores, which translates to how much attention the paper is getting. The scores are composed of metrics and qualitative data that are complementary to traditional, citation-based metrics. They can include – but are not limited to – mainstream media coverage, discussions on research blogs and mentions on social networks such as Twitter. Many journals today use the Altmetric scoring system because it indicates the amount of attention a paper has received. Authors also find the scores useful to follow engagement in their publications.

To read TWS journals, you must first [log into the TWS member portal](#). Choose the “Publications” tab at the top of the page to go to the Wiley Online Library where the journals are archived.

#### The Most Talked About Papers from JWM and WSB\*

Altmetric score 436	<a href="#">Polar bear attacks on humans: implications of a changing climate</a>
Altmetric score 134	<a href="#">The true cost of partial fencing: evaluating strategies to reduce reptile road mortality</a>
Altmetric score 117	<a href="#">How publishing in open-access journals threatens science and what we can do about it</a>
Altmetric score 89	<a href="#">Investigating impacts of oil and gas development on greater sage-grouse</a>
Altmetric score 88	<a href="#">Free-roaming cat interactions with wildlife admitted to a wildlife hospital</a>
Altmetric score 87	<a href="#">Demography of an increasing caribou herd with restricted wolf control</a>
Altmetric score 78	<a href="#">Evaluating population expansion of black bears using spatial capture-recapture</a>
Altmetric score 73	<a href="#">Online hunting forums identify achievement as prominent among multiple satisfactions</a>
Altmetric score 68	<a href="#">Population-level effects of lead fishing tackle on common loons</a>
Altmetric score 68	<a href="#">Persistence of great sage-grouse in agricultural landscapes</a>

*\*Altmetric scores based on current standings on Nov. 9, 2017*

#### Stay on Top of Newly Published Issues

There are two ways you can make the most of your free access to TWS journals.

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You can sign up to receive an email each time a new issue is published.

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## Membership Application

# NORTHEAST SECTION OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY: Membership Application

Stay connected and engaged! Please use this form to apply for membership in the Northeast Section of The Wildlife Society:

- ❖ Regular Membership [ ] (\$8 per year)
- ❖ Retired Membership [ ] (\$8 per year)
- ❖ Student Membership [ ] (\$5 per year)

Make checks payable to: "The Northeast Section, TWS."

Mail to: Tammy Colt  
226 Hamill School Road  
Bolivar, PA 15923

Email: [tcolt@pa.gov](mailto:tcolt@pa.gov)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Alternatively—

Apply for or renew your Section membership when you apply for or renew your National membership online! Visit <http://wildlife.org/membership> to complete your application.

## Who's who in the Northeast?

### Executive Board:

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