

THE NORTHEAST SECTION OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY NEWSLETTER



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Terra Rentz



Temperatures are falling, leaves are beginning to change, and after a great summer, its looking like it will be a beautiful fall! This is the time of year that makes me reflect the most on where I've been as a wildlife professional and of the wonderful colleagues I have had the pleasure to collect along the way. Although my current work and research has me chained to a cubical more than I'd like to admit, I know many of you are out trapping, tracking, monitoring, conserving, sharing, and exploring everything that makes our field unique. Much like you, our team at the Northeast Section has been working hard to improve the way we operate and the services we deliver.

Thanks to the dedication of Tim Green, Samara Trusso, and Angela Fuller (Operations Committee), NETWS had its first competitive election on for officers in over 10 years! We also had the highest member participation rate (over 35%) in recent history – resulting in the election of Emily Just (PA) as President-Elect, Mike Schiavone (NY) as Secretary, and almost unanimous support for our very first position statement and every bylaws change on the ballot

In April, our Executive Board approved numerous new initiatives to support professional development, communication, and member services. One such initiative was to hire a permanent Newsletter Editor to increase the frequency and quality of our communications. As a result, we are excited to welcome Sydney Spicer to the team! Sydney is joining us as a rising sophomore at Juniata College studying Wildlife Conservation.

We are extremely excited to tap into her expertise and are looking forward to the enhanced communications she will be able to provide the Section as our Newsletter Editor.

Allen Gosser (NY) has assumed a leadership role chairing our new ad hoc Workshop Committee. He and his team are focused on identifying compelling and beneficial workshop opportunities to provide in association with the Northeast Fish and Wildlife Conference (NEFWC) in April, 2017. Eric Schrading (NJ) and Emily Boyd (PA) have taken the lead on our new Conservation Affairs Committee and are directing energy toward recruiting committee members and investigating regional issues to address through the position statement processes such as young forest management. Shawn Haskell (ME) continues to represent the Section and our stories while serving as the liaison to The Wildlife Professional Editorial Advisory Board. And Val Titus (VT) and Shawn Cleveland (NY) will be reaching out to student

chapters this fall to grow the Student Affairs Committee and are spearheading an art competition to design a new logo for NETWS!

In addition to the amazing work begin conducted by our committees, the board is working with Chapter leadership to develop strategies to unite all TWS members at the Section and Chapter levels in the northeast. We are also working for the second consecutive year to advance our growing partnership with the Northeast Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies via the 2017 NEFWC and to improve communications with state agency directors throughout the region.

We are excited about the advancements the Section has made over the past year and are equally excited to hear your feedback! Although we have a fantastic team of dedicated professionals, we could use more help at the committee and board level. It's an electrifying time for the Northeast Section – be part of the action!

Changes in Bylaws

In April members were able to vote on a suite of bylaws changes, a new position statement regarding deer in the Northeast, as well as, the election of new offices for secretary and president-elect. All bylaws and the position statement passed with about 37% voting, which are listed below. Did you vote?

The following bylaw changes passed:

INITIATIVE 1: We will now include a new section under *Article III. Organizations* that specifically addresses Resolutions, Position Statements, and Public Statements

INITIATIVE 2: Changes will be made to *Article IV. Officers*, such as the addition of a Newsletter Editor position

INITIATIVE 3: Changes will be made to *Article VII. Committees*, with the addition of committees such as our new ad hoc Workshop Committee and Conservation Affairs Committee

INITIATIVE 4: We adopted of the Position Statement titled *Managing Chronically Overabundant Deer* as an official position statement of the Northeast Section You can find this position statement on the TWS Northeast Section website.

Election Results!

PRESIDENT-ELECT: Emily Just

Emily is a certified wildlife biologist working for the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resource's Bureau of Forestry as a wildlife biologist. She loves working with foresters on creating and improving wildlife habitat and managing the Deer Management Assistance program (DMAP) on Bureau of Forestry land. Previously, Emily worked as a science specialist with TNC's Forest Conservation office in PA. Emily recently got married and enjoys spending time with her husband, taking hikes with her dog, and riding her horse.



SECRETARY: Michael Schiavone

Mike has been with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation since 2001. Currently, he is the leader of the Small Game Unit in the Bureau of Wildlife. Mike is a Certified Wildlife Biologist® and a member of the state, regional, and national chapters of TWS. He is eager to take an active leadership role within the Northeast Section to better serve current and future wildlife professionals, and to help them meet the demands of our profession.



P.F. English Memorial Award

In honor of the late P. F. English, the Northeast Section of The Wildlife Society annually presents the P. F. English Memorial Award to an outstanding undergraduate student of wildlife biology or wildlife management.



The 2016 recipient of the P. F. English Memorial Award for the outstanding undergraduate student of wildlife biology or wildlife management is **Hannah Clipp** from **West Virginia University**

This year's recipient of the P. F. English Memorial Award is a senior majoring in the Wildlife and Fisheries Resources program at West Virginia University with a cumulative GPA of 4.0. She is the Vice-president of the WVU student chapter of the Wildlife society. She also was a founding member, Secretary, and is currently President of the WVU student chapter of the Society for Conservation Biology. She also is an active member of the Mountaineer Chapter of Pheasants Forever and the WVU Chapter of the American Fisheries Society. She has shown exceptional leadership skills, enthusiasm and passion for wildlife management.

A Northeast Member wins the William T. Hesselton Memorial Award

John Organ, past president of The Wildlife Society and a respected biologist has received the William T. Hesselton Memorial Award presented by the Northeast Administrators Association (NEWAA) at the 72nd Northeast Fish and Wildlife Conference held from April 3-6 in Annapolis, MD. This award is presented to a wildlife professional from the Northeast Region who has made significant contributions to the wildlife profession that further the ideals and integrity of the Sport Fish and Wildlife Restoration Program

Awards continued...



John Pearce Memorial Award

This certificate is presented to an individual for outstanding professional accomplishment, who have made noteworthy contributions to knowledge about wildlife or wildlife management, furthered public understanding, or who have made available increased wildlife habitat through modification of land use practices

This year's recipient was **Peter Mirick** of the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife. He is the editor of "Trapping and Furbearer Management in North American Wildlife Conservation" Second Edition July 2015. This publication has more than 29 contributing authors from across North America. This is a publication

of the Northeast Section of The Wildlife Society, The Northeast Furbearer Resources Technical Committee, and the US Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Federal Aid. He has been the editor of this publication since the First Edition published in 1996.

He is a member of the Northeast Section of TWS and served as Chair of the Conservation Affairs Committee, he is also a member of the Association for Conservation Information. His volunteerism in our professional society, along with a highly informative and successful publication warrants our recognition.

Best Student Presentation

Each year, the student presentations on wildlife topics are critiqued by professionals attending the conference. Students are rated on their presentation skills and content. An award is given the following year to the best presenter.

For 2015, the best student presentation award was presented to **Catherine Sun** of Cornell University for her presentation "NOVEL APPROACHES TO BIG PROBLEMS: INTEGRATING CITIZEN SCIENCE TO MONITOR AND ESTIMATE BLACK BEAR POPULATIONS IN NEW YORK" given at the 71st Northeast Fish and Wildlife Conference in Newport, Rhode Island.



A Dunlin stretches its wings while at a migration stopover site; the Conejohela Flats in Lancaster County, PA



Photo by Gordon W. Dimmig Photography

NE Section News:

PATWS Annual Meeting 2016

The Pennsylvania Chapter of The Wildlife Society held its 2016 annual meeting April 15-16 at the Ramada Inn in State College, PA as a joint conference with the Society of American Foresters. The theme for this year was “Penn’s Woods: The Science Behind Pennsylvania’s Wildlife Habitat.” Overall attendance for the conference was 137 people (87 professionals, 43 students, and 7 Wildlife Leadership Academy students).

Three wildlife workshops were held on Friday April 15th covering various topics. The “Habitat Management for Wildlife” tour travelled to Stone Valley Forest and heard from Pennsylvania Game Commission speakers to learn about various management tools and evaluate recent treatment sites. Participants enjoyed lunch at Perez Lake. The “Natural Gas Mitigation” trip was led by the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation and toured several Marcellus shale gas sites within Sproul State Forest that were in various stages of restoration. Participants of the “Use of Prescribed Fire of State Gamelands” workshop heard from PGC to tour various field sites at Scotia SGL 176. That evening, all attendees of the conference were invited to the student-professional mixer.

Saturday’s plenary session was centered around novel approaches of integrating wildlife and habitat. Plenary speakers from PGC, DCNR, and The Nature Conservancy discussed a variety of topics ranging from managing ecosystems for sustainability and species of the greatest conservation need to preserving the hunting and fishing legacy.

Three concurrent sessions were held in the afternoon focusing on a variety of topics. Twenty-six student and professional speakers gave presentations on topics ranging from monitoring of Pennsylvania streams and lakes to habitat requirements of migratory birds. Also, this year we were pleased to have seven students from the Wildlife Leadership Academy present posters. The afternoon was capped off with the Executive Board business meeting, which was open to all members and well-attended.

PA TWS welcomed Calvin DuBrock, Goddard Chair in Forestry and Environmental Resource Conservation at Penn State University, as our banquet speaker. Mr. DuBrock spoke about the ongoing challenges our natural resource institutions and professionals face in a rapidly changing world. He stressed how policies and administrative systems must adapt to be seen as relevant to the public and to sustainably provide natural resources for the common good. His talk was entitled “Sustainability through Fusion: Wildlife Conservation in the 21st Century”.

Thank you all for attending, contributing, and presenting, your involvement makes our annual conference what it is—a true success.

Article courtesy of PATWS Chapter Summer 2016 Newsletter



Calvin DuBrock, banquet speaker, spoke to the conference on Wildlife Conservation in the 21st Century

NE Section News:

2016 Northeast Conclave

by Sydney Spicer

After six months of planning by the Juniata College Student Chapter of The Wildlife Society and our trusty advisor, Dr. Chuck Yohn, the 2016 Northeast Conclave began April 1st at Camp Blue Diamond.

The event began on Friday afternoon with registration, dinner, and the social mixer. Students from all over the Northeast were chatting, laughing, and playing a lot of gaga ball (there are certain perks of hosting Conclave at a summer camp!). Friday night was a late one for all of the students from Juniata, as we worked for hours to finish Quiz Bowl, but by 3 AM, it was complete.

Saturday was workshop day. We had a total of 30 wildlife professionals from 10 different agencies and institutions. These professionals led a total of 39 workshops on nearly 30 different topics. Students who attended got their pick of which workshop they would like to attend, and even though some did not get their top pick, we heard a lot of students who were surprised and pleased with the workshops they ended up in. Insect Comics, taught by Juniata College's Doug Glazier, wasn't largely requested, but turned out to be a huge hit for all who were in it! Throughout the day,

students were able to both attend these workshops, and network with the professionals who taught them. In the evening, we had Quiz Bowl, which, despite some technical difficulties, was a blast for all. SUNY ESF came out on top, winning first prize: a taxidermied, decked out albino peacock.

Sunday was our last day for Conclave, and it did not go to waste. Students signed up for longer workshops that included electrofishing, bear-trapping/rocket netting, birding, and white-tailed deer chemical immobilization. After these workshops, we ended Conclave with lunch, and our awards ceremony.

Overall, the event was a huge success thanks to the tireless efforts of the planning committee at Juniata College, the work of the staff at Camp Blue Diamond, all of the professionals who donated their time to lead workshops, our sponsors, our keynote speaker, Lisa Williams, and lastly but most importantly, the 146 students and advisors who attended the event. It could not have been accomplished without all those who assisted us in planning, and those who attended, so thank you, and we'll see you next year!



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NE Section News:

2016 NEAFWA CONFERENCE REVIEW

By Emily Just

First of all, if you are new to this section, you are probably wondering what the heck NEAFWA stands for and what it is. NEAFWA is The Northeast Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies, Inc. (NEAFWA) a quasi-governmental organization consisting of thirteen states in the northeast region plus the District of Columbia, and the provinces in the eastern region of Canada. The Northeast Section of the Wildlife Society is a partner to NEAFWA and works with NEAFWA in planning student activities at the annual conferences.

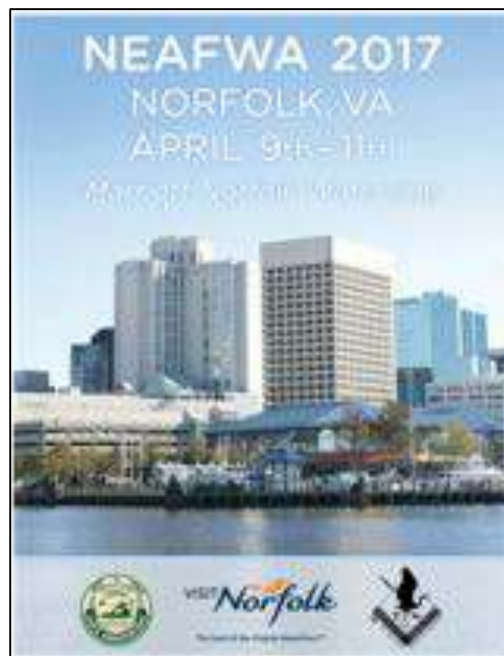
This year the 72nd Annual Northeast Fish & Wildlife Conference, "*Thinking Outside: Taking Risks for Better Conservation*," was held in Annapolis, Maryland. This is probably my favorite conference to attend every year. This conference attracts tons of natural resource professionals from the fields of wildlife biology, fisheries, information and education, and law enforcement and always provides numerous opportunities for discussion and exchanging of ideas.

This year did not disappoint. The plenary speakers were fantastic and covered topics focusing on marketing nature outside the box, with new adds and Facebook pages, as well as, working inside the box but with different strategies. Sgt. Tim Cotton, from the Bangor Maine Police Department spoke about how their Facebook page became so popular. Sgt. Cotton reminded us to find a connection with people, whether that is showcasing a mascot, writing about the funny things that happen to us at work, or reminding the public that we are people we well.

The talks in all of the Symposiums were outstanding. I could not decide what session I wanted to sit in and therefore, found myself running around to various talks. The symposiums ranged from information on, "Assessing benefits of NRCS early successional habitat practices to at-risk species," to "wildlife and habitat in urban landscapes," and "intersections of road-stream crossings, fish, wildlife, and aquatic continuity in the Northeastern U.S."

The posters were all well done and also covered a range of topics. My personal favorites included, "Lagomorphs on the edge: Appalachian cottontail and snowshoe hare distribution in Pennsylvania," "A survey of spotted skunk in Western Maryland," and "Riparian wildlife response to stream restoration."

So, if you missed this year's NEAFWA conference plan on joining us in 2017 in Norfolk, VA!



Northeast Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies

NE Section News:

Reflections on the 2016 Field Course by the Northeast Section of The Wildlife Society

by Daniel Woltmann

Prior to attending the 2016 two week (May 15th to May 28th) field course presented by the Northeast Section of The Wildlife Society (Field Course) I had very little field experience. As a General Biology Major at Quinnipiac University, the only courses that I had taken relating to this experience were Invertebrate Zoology, Parasitology and an Ecological and Biological Diversity course. I had great professors and learned a lot from all of these courses. However, the teaching of these courses was limited to the classroom or laboratory, except for a demonstration of stream sampling in one of my Invertebrate Zoology classes and an interactive hike for one Ecological and Biological Diversity class. I signed up for the Field Course knowing that I needed practical experience in the environmental field, but never in my wildest dreams could I imagine that I would learn as much as I did in a matter of two weeks. Dr. John McDonald Jr. and Dr. William Healy truly do an amazing job at finding great volunteer professionals, as well as dedicating two weeks of their time to run and aid in the teachings of the course themselves.

When I arrived at the Kehoe Conservation Center for the Field Course I was overwhelmed with thoughts of my inexperience and relative confusion from the pre-class readings. The only thing that put me somewhat at ease was the fact I had taken a three-week field ornithology class at Paul Smith's College last summer, and a good portion of the Field Course was to be focused on bird sampling techniques. Prior to attending the Field Course, I had some knowledge of botany but barely knew how to work a compass much less a GPS. During the first week, the volunteer professionals quickly turned my weaknesses into strengths with their hands on workshops. As the Field Course went on and we got to the second week, we were assigned into groups in which we set up transects to demonstrate our knowledge of the sampling techniques we learned throughout the first week. I thought that it would just be up to our individual groups to demonstrate our knowledge of certain techniques such as bird point counts, tree and seedling counts, and herpetology counts. However, this portion of the Field Course is really where I learned the most as we had a professional with us each day who was experienced in at least one of the aforementioned sampling methods. I thought I was probably annoying my group members by asking so many questions of these various professionals. But I was learning so much to the point where I started also asking my group members numerous questions about tree identification to better my knowledge of dendrology. Often I would know the answer to the questions I asked and I would just be seeking reassurance in my knowledge of the subject. Then towards the last day of sampling on our transects I began confidently shouting out the names of all the different trees we passed on our way and high-fiving my fellow group members.

I left this Field Course with confidence in my knowledge of the various sampling techniques but wanting to learn and experience even more. Learning in this practical setting made the techniques used in the Field Course easy to remember and unimaginably useful, as well as aiding in further clarification of my desired career path in the environmental sciences.

Thank you to the Northeast Section of The Wildlife Society for sponsoring this course and to everyone involved, especially Dr. McDonald and Dr. Healy, for all they do to make the Field Course such a wonderful experience.

NE Section News:

2016 Northeast Field Course in Pictures!

The Northeast Field Course, taught in the beautiful Adirondack Mountains, provided for more than a few picture-perfect moments.



Top left: Student Rachel Yurchisin holding a female Baltimore Oriole
(Rachel Yurchisin)

Top right: Herping expedition
(Valorie Titus)

Middle left: Mouse caught, awaiting tagging
(Michelle McKay)

Middle right: The beautiful setting for the Field Course
(Michelle McKay)

Bottom: This year's field course participants
(John McDonald)

Executive Staff Update

What's new in the Northeast?

By Emily Just

This is a big year for the Northeast Section! We have a new set of bylaws to support our operations, all of our committees are staffed with at least 2 (if not more!) members (and they can always use more!), we plan on setting up a Facebook page, a new logo, a regular newsletter, workshops, and so much more!

At the recent Northeast Fish and Wildlife Meeting, the NETWS executive committee had a great meeting. Here are some of the highlights:

- 2016 Field Course Update: The 8th annual field course is fully enrolled with 20 students this year from 19 different schools. Several students will be traveling from the Midwest to attend (Michigan, Kansas, Illinois) as well as a variety of eastern schools
- NETWS and the American Fisheries Association have more input into the NEAFWA conference, which allowed us to hold the trapping workshop and some more student activities this year. Look for even more NETWS involvement at next year's NEAFWA conference in Virginia.
- The Northeast Section has a new website on <http://wildlife.org/ne-section/>. Check it out!
- From Headquarters:
 - TWS now offers the option of automatic membership renewal. Members that sign up for automatic renewal will receive \$5 dues discount per year.
 - American Public University now offers a 5% tuition discount to all TWS members. This can be very helpful to member that need one course to apply for certification.
 - The Wildlife Professional increased from 4 issues/year to 6 issues/year in 2016.

As mentioned earlier, we now have at least 2 people on each committee. If interested in joining a committee let Michael Schiavone know and he will get you in touch with the committee chair. Here is a list of all committees:

Bylaws Committee

Program Committee

Membership Committee

Nominating Committee

Conservation Affairs Committee

Workshop Committee

Operations Committee

Audit Committee



Wildlife News of the Northeast

‘Dory’ Bred in Captivity for First Time

Article by Ret Talbot

Article excerpt from National Geographic

For biologist Kevin Barden, blue tangs are an obsession that began when he was five years old and came face-to-face with one at Boston's New England Aquarium. Now 29, he has played a leading role in cracking the code to successfully culturing the popular species.

Today, the University of Florida Tropical Aquaculture Lab, in conjunction with Rising Tide Conservation, announced that blue tangs—or Dory, as fans of the Disney Movie will know—have been bred in captivity for the first time.

“This breakthrough has the potential to help reduce the overexploitation of the species and continue to address wildlife crime associated with cyanide use in the saltwater aquarium trade,” says biologist Andrew Rhyne, a winner of this year’s Wildlife Tech Crime Challenge, sponsored in part by National Geographic, for coming up with a way that allows better monitoring of the marine aquarium trade.

No one knows how many blue tangs are taken from coral reefs across the Indo-Pacific each year for saltwater aquariums. No one knows how much reef is damaged annually by destructive fishing practices—notably the use of cyanide to stun the fish and make them easier to catch—commonly associated with capturing blue tangs. No one knows the effects of *Finding Dory* on sales of blue tangs

To read the complete article, visit National Geographic’s [website](#).

USFS tells story-

“Fighting the Battle for Bats”

Story adapted from [The Wildlife Society](#)

In the wake of the devastating fungal disease known as white-nose syndrome (WNS) that is plaguing hibernating bats, the U.S. Forest Service is stepping up to keep the public informed on the progress of the disease. USFS has created a [multimedia story](#) which utilized text, slideshows, images, and an animated map to tell the story of the spread and destructive powers of WNS. The story also covers research by federal agencies on WNS.



Biologist holds tri-colored bat with visible symptoms of WNS from Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park, Georgia.
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These blue tangs at the University of Florida's Tropical Aquaculture Lab in Florida are among the first 27 to be bred in captivity.

PHOTOGRAPH BY TYLER JONES.

Wildlife News of the Northeast

Monarch butterflies may be threatened species by 2019

By George Barnes

Article excerpt from The Telegram of Worcester, Massachusetts

Boylston, Massachusetts - Dancing from flower to flower at Tower Hill Botanic Garden, orange butterflies catch the eye and, for a brief moment, the mind suggests they may be monarch butterflies.

They aren't.

The fritillary butterflies seen last week were beautiful, but not their better known - now rarely seen - cousins, the monarchs. Monarchs, once plentiful, are now only occasionally seen in Central Massachusetts. They have not disappeared entirely, but following a national trend, their numbers are down significantly.

Joann Vieira, director of horticulture for the botanic garden, said a few monarch caterpillars have been found this year at Tower Hill. The butterflies were once a common sight, with their caterpillars munching milkweed and adult butterflies in large clusters sampling nectar from flowers in the gardens. She said they still see some, but not many.

"They are not in the numbers we were accustomed to seeing five or six years ago," she said. "You can count on one hand the number we have seen in recent years."

Tower Hill should be a good place for monarchs. Ms. Vieira said there are many native milkweed plants in large and small patches around the garden's fields.

"We're doing all the right things," she said. "It is certainly a great place for all kinds of pollinators."

Fritillary and the viceroy butterflies are often mistaken for monarchs, but monarchs are a species especially at risk. They not only rely on nectar from local flowers, they need milkweed. It is the only plant they lay their eggs on and that their caterpillars are willing to eat. They also migrate to the Sierra Madre Mountains in Mexico each year and face a host of dangers along the way.

The population is threatened by habitat loss because of the use of herbicides that kill milkweed, deforestation, including by illegal logging; the overuse of the butterflies for commercial, recreational, scientific study and educational purposes; disease and predation; increased development and bad weather.

In 2002, 450-500 million monarchs were killed when a hurricane hit their wintering sanctuaries. Today there are only and estimated 35 million known monarchs left in the world, according to a petition filed by the Center for Biological Diversity and the Center for Food Safety to place the monarchs under protection by the federal endangered species act.

The petition was filed in 2014 requesting that monarchs be listed as a threatened species. The two organizations filed a lawsuit against the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service this year seeking a more timely decision on the petition. The Fish and Wildlife Service launched an investigation of the monarch's status in 2014 as a result of the petition, but failed to issue a finding within one year as required.

After the lawsuit was filed this year, a legally binding agreement was made requiring the Fish and Wildlife Service to issue a decision no later than June 2019. The finding could be that the butterflies should be protected, protection is denied, or the monarchs are placed on a waiting list.

Listing the butterflies as threatened would mean more money to protect them, but their populations may be reaching a breaking point.

To continue reading this article, visit
the webpage:

<http://www.telegram.com/article/20160717/NEWS/160719185>

National TWS News

The Wildlife Professional is looking for contributions!

The Wildlife Professional is looking for writers to submit articles on wildlife-related topics.

Article submissions can include:

- ❖ Commentary
- ❖ Education
- ❖ Ethics in Practice
- ❖ Health and Disease
- ❖ Human-Wildlife Connection
- ❖ Law and Policy
- ❖ Research and Practice
- ❖ Professional Development
- ❖ Reviews
- ❖ Tools and Technology
- ❖ Wildlife Imaging

Style

The Wildlife Professional is a hybrid of scholarly and magazine-style writing. Articles should present sound, scientific information and be written in a highly readable news magazine style rather than the strict scholarly style used in peer-reviewed scientific journals to make information more accessible to non-experts.

Review

Articles submitted for publication are reviewed primarily by the Editorial Advisory Board and other experts to ensure completeness, timeliness, relevance and acceptability for publication. However, the authors have final responsibility for the accuracy of the article's content. The editing goes back and forth between staff editors and authors to ensure both accuracy of information and grammatical accuracy as well.

*For all inquiries and before submitting an article, contact Editor-in-Chief: Nancy Sasavage, editor@wildlife.org. She will answer questions and provide authors with the necessary **The Wildlife Professional Guidelines for Contributors**.*

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TWS opens search for *Wildlife Monographs* Editor-in-Chief

The Editor-in-Chief is responsible for coordinating production with authors, consulting editors, TWS Council and staff and TWS' journal publisher. Applicants should have a proven ability to work and communicate with people from diverse backgrounds and perspectives. Desired qualifications include experience publishing in peer-reviewed journals, a Ph.D. in wildlife or related field, experience as an Associate Editor or Editor-in-Chief of a peer-reviewed journal, knowledge of TWS and TWS journals and a diversity of experience within the wildlife discipline.

The application period is open until it is filled, with review of applications to begin Oct. 1, 2016. The preferred start date is the first quarter of 2017, but is negotiable. A modest stipend is offered. Interested candidates may contact **David E. Andersen** (dea@umn.edu), chair of the TWS Publications Subcommittee.

Photo by ©Kirt Edblomm

Letter from the Editor

Hello fellow Wildlifers!

I'm so excited to have received the opportunity to be the new Northeast TWS Newsletter Editor!

To give you a little background on myself, I'm a rising sophomore at Juniata College located in Huntingdon Pennsylvania where I am studying Wildlife Conservation. Originally, I am from Springfield, VA (about 20 minutes south of DC). Before attending Juniata, I was the Editor-in-Chief for my high school newspaper, and I worked on a newsletter for the Hidden Pond Nature Center in Springfield, VA. After starting at Juniata, I quickly became involved with our TWS Chapter and soon found myself in Winnipeg for the Annual TWS Conference, planning Northeast Conclave (which I'm sure some of you attended, so I hope you had fun!), organizing my chapter's social media outreach, and much more. It was when I found myself completely enveloped in TWS activities that I realized how amazing this organization is. I went from barely knowing anything about TWS to being



a student chapter member to becoming the Newsletter Editor for the Northeast Section in less than a year, and the fact that such a quick rise was even possible reminds me how incredible TWS truly is. I'm so thankful to be a part of it.

My job is to increase communications in the Northeast Section and that includes a few different components such as this Newsletter and our soon to be created Facebook page. The new goal for the Newsletter is to release three per year. This Newsletter will contain Student and State Chapter updates, wildlife news, organizational changes, and more. In addition, I'm planning on adding a few staples, such as a "Featured Photographer" (the featured photographer for this newsletter can be found on page 15). Most importantly, I would like to hear what all of you would like to see in the Newsletter so, if you have any ideas, suggestions, questions – anything at all – please feel free to contact me through my email which you'll find on the "Who's who in the Northeast" page.

Finally, I would just like to say that I am so excited to be on board, working with the Northeast Section. I'm excited to see where these next two years will take me, and what we can all accomplish in that time.

Until next time!

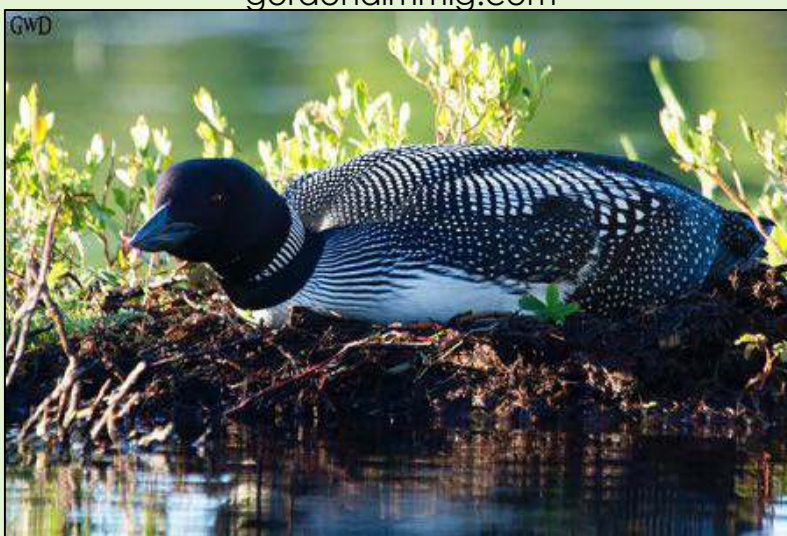
Sydney Spicer

Featured Photographer

For our first featured photographer section, we are featuring **Gordon Dimmig**. His stunning pictures can be seen throughout the issue (pages 1, 4, 15, 17). Dimmig is currently an Environmental Science student at Juniata College in Huntingdon, PA. Nature and landscapes are his main focus, and he captures them both beautifully.

Check out his Facebook page: Gordon W. Dimmig Photography and website:

gordondimmig.com



If you are interest in being the next issue's Featured Photographer or know someone who might be, contact Sydney at spicesa15@juniata.edu

Call for contributions!

The Newsletter is always looking for different contributions, so if you would like to be published in the next Newsletter, send me an email! The Newsletter is a great way to get writing experience and to get your name out there in the wildlife world. The issues will come out about every four months, so keep your eyes open for ideas!

-Sydney

SAVE THE DATE!

TWS' 23rd Annual Conference

North Carolina will be hosting The Wildlife Society's 23rd Annual Conference at the Raleigh Convention Center this fall. Full registration and conference program details are now available online.



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: Michael Schiavone

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
625 Broadway, Albany, NY 12233-4754

P: (609) 383-3938 x 31

Email: Michael.schiavone@dec.ny.gov

Name: _____

Institution/Address: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State/Province: _____

Country/Zip (Postal) Code: _____ Daytime telephone number: () _____

E-mail: _____

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?

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