

**2016 NETWS “50th” Anniversary
“50 Years of Wildlife Conservation and Management in Nebraska”
March 8-10, 2016 (Tuesday-Thursday)
Kearney, NE
Draft Schedule**

Tuesday, March 8 (PM)

11:30-1:00	Registration
1:00-1:15	Welcome-President
1:15-1:45	“Challenges/Opportunities for Wildlife Management”? - Gary Potts (President TWS 2016)
1:45-2:30	History of Nebraska Chapter (Evolution of Wildlife Profession from Past to Present) - Carl Wolfe
2:30-2:45	Break

“Changing Times in the Wildlife Profession” - Panel Discussion

2:45-3:15	Hook and Bullet to Wildlife Diversity - Mark Humpert
3:15-3:45	The Land Ethic and Use - Clayton Stalling
3:45-4:30	The North American Model and Hunter Ethics - Eric Nuse
4:30-5:30	Panel Discussion
5:30-7:00	Dinner (provided)
7:00-10:00	Quiz Bowl/Raffle Ticket Sales/Student-Professional Mixer

Wednesday, March 9 (AM)

7:30-8:00	Registration
8:00-8:55	Big River Science (River Restoration) - Gerald Mestl
8:55-9:20	Overview of Instream Flows (featuring Long Pine/Niobrara) - Larry Hutchinson
9:20-9:45	Native Fishes of Nebraska - David Schumann
9:45-10:10	Native Mollusks of Nebraska - Steve Schainost
10:10-10:25	Break
10:25-10:50	The Nebraska River Otter: A Conservation Success Story - Nathan Bieber
10:50-11:15	Wet Meadow Restoration - Bill Whitney
11:15-12:00	The Mid-continent Population of Sandhill Cranes Adapts to a Changing World - Gary Krapu

Wednesday, March 9 (PM)

12:00-1:00	Lunch (provided)
1:00-2:30	Business Meeting
2:30-2:45	Break

“Conflicts and Issues in the Northern Great Plains”

2:45-3:10	Riverine Habitat Selection of Whooping Cranes during Migration: Implications for Managing Habitat Along the Central Platte River - David Baasch
3:10-3:35	Wyoming’s Greater Sage-Grouse Core Area Strategy: A Shotgun Wedding of Science and Policy - Tom Christianson
3:35-4:00	Research and Reflections on Deer and Elk Damage and Disease - Kurt VerCauteran

- 4:00-4:25 Status of Migratory Birds in Great Plains - Brian Smith
 4:25-4:50 Status of Pollinators - Chris Helzer
 4:50-5:15 History and Evolution of Wildlife Damage Management in Nebraska - Chad Richardson
- 5:30-10:00 Social, Banquet, Award, Auction-Silent and Live
 Banquet Speaker - TJ Fontaine - Climate Change: Challenges for Wildlife, Outdoor Enthusiasts, and the Future of Wildlife Management

Thursday, March 10 (AM)

- 5:00-8:00 Crane Viewing
 7:30-8:00 Registration
 8:00-8:40 Conflict Resolution with Large Carnivores - Daniel Thompson
 8:40-9:05 Depredation of Winter Wheat and Distribution of Weed Seed by Pronghorn Antelope in Northwest Nebraska - Rick Arnold, Teresa J. Frink, and Todd Nordeen
 9:05-9:30 Using Cast Antlers to Assess the Antler Selectivity of White-tailed Deer Hunters - Brian Peterson, Casey Schoenebeck, Nic Fryda
 9:30-9:55 Examining Landscape Heterogeneity and Understanding Ranchers' Perceptions of Heterogeneity in the Northern Great Plains using an Interdisciplinary Approach - Maggi Sliwinski, Larkin Powell, Walter Schacht, Mark Burbach
 9:55-10:10 Break
 10:10-10:35 Assessment of Effects of an Existing Wind Energy Facility on Greater Prairie-chickens in the Nebraska Sandhills - Larkin A. Powell, Mary Bomberger Brown, Jennifer A. Smith, Jocelyn Olney Harrison, Cara E. Whalen, Edward J. Walsh, Joann McGee, and Edward J. Raynor
 10:35-11:00 Northern Saw-whet Owl Study - Wayne Mollhoff
 11:00-11:25 Pattern Recognition Using Spatial Statistics to Identify African Lion and Leopard Kills from GPS Movement Data - Andrei Snyman, Larkin Powell, and John P. Carroll
 11:25-11:50 Occupancy and Abundance of Kori Bustards (*Ardeotis kori kori*) and Helmeted Guineafowl (*Numida meleagris*) for Use in Landscape Conservation Planning in the Northern Tuli Game Reserve, Botswana - Kathryn McCollum, Larkin Powell, Andrei Snyman and John P. Carroll,
 11:50-12:15 Estimation of Distribution and Abundance of the Spotted Hyena (*Crocuta crocuta*) in the Northern Tuli Game Reserve, Botswana - Jazmin Castillo, Andrei Snyman, and John P. Carroll
 12:15 Closing - President

Thursday, March 10 (PM)

Science Communication Workshop (Open to all attendees)

This interactive workshop will give professionals and students the opportunity to share their experiences and learn new strategies for more effective communication about science as a wildlife professional. Exercises are TBD but may include: preparing for news interviews, writing about science for public audiences, and a discussion of emerging digital media techniques.