

**Drew Fowler**

Drew Fowler is a third-year PhD student in the School of Natural Resources at the University of Missouri where he studies harvest management of overabundant light geese and their body condition during spring migration. Prior to initiating his PhD in 2014 he worked as a wetland ecologist for a private wetland mitigation provider in Louisiana where he collaboratively designed wetland and stream restoration plans for impaired wetlands. Drew received his BS in Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences from Texas A&M University and his MS in Renewable Natural Resources from Louisiana State University where his master's research focused on soil salinity dynamics in managed wetlands within semi-arid ecosystems. While Drew's current research has a focus on waterfowl ecology he remains committed to studying and conserving diverse wetland ecosystems and the abiotic processes that facilitate productive waterbird communities. His recent exploits in wetland science involved a two-week field course in prairie pothole wetlands of the US and Canada studying the effects of climatic conditions of pothole wetlands on waterfowl productivity. In July 2017, Drew will travel with a collaborative team to the Jilin Province of China to assess and recommend wetland management practices that serve to conserve migratory and endangered Siberian Cranes as well as other waterbirds. Originally from the Texas coast, Drew enjoys duck and goose hunting as well as hiking and camping with his wife and daughters.