

Levels of The Wildlife Society

The Main Level - [The Wildlife Society](#) (TWS)

- Founded in 1937, the organization's mission is "To inspire, empower, and enable wildlife professionals to sustain wildlife populations and habitats through science-based management and conservation."
- The Wildlife Society enhances our members' networking and learning opportunities, professional and career development, and provides numerous ways for them to get more involved in creating a better future for wildlife and their habitats.

[The Section Level](#)

- There are eight Sections of The Wildlife Society and TWS members within each Section elect a representative to TWS' Council.
- The emerging role of the Southwest Section is to provide communication and tools to enhance TWS and members abilities to address issues at regional scales and across political boundaries like states.

[The State Chapter Level](#)

- There are three states (AZ, NM, TX) and two countries (Mexico, Costa Rica) in the Southwest Section.
- The visions of these Chapters can be generalized as: to assure a sustained diversity of wildlife and their habitats, to become the acknowledged source of scientific information and expertise concerning wildlife biology and management in their state.

[The Student Chapter Level](#)

- There are 16 student chapters within the Southwest Section.
- The common goals of student chapters are to provide a connection for students to the profession and all levels of The Wildlife Society, to give them chances to rub shoulders, to begin to get their feet wet in the professional world.

