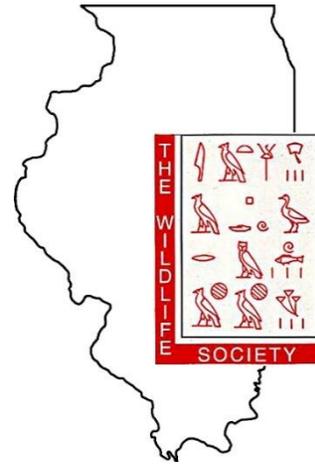


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Illinois Chapter of The Wildlife Society



Excellence in Wildlife Conservation through Science and Education

Edited by Chris Jacques, President-Elect

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President's Corner

We had an outstanding annual meeting in Champaign on 22–24 April 2018. Hats off to Paul Brewer (currently Past President, ICTWS) and Greg Fretueg (Secretary/ Treasurer, ICTWS) for all their work preparing for the meeting and pulling it off. We had a great suite of presentations/posters presented by wildlife professionals and students alike. Gary Potts (recently retired from the IL DNR) was selected as the 2018 recipient for the Professional Award of Merit for his outstanding professional accomplishments in wildlife conservation, and a lifetime of service to the ICTWS and the wildlife profession. Congratulations Gary! Near the end of the meeting it was announced that Dr. Chris Jacques (Associate Professor of Wildlife Ecology, WIU) was elected by our members to the position of President-Elect and Craig Bloomquist (Wildlife Biologist, USDA Wildlife Services) was elected to the position of Councilperson-at-Large. We also thanked Travis Guerrant (Wildlife Biologist, USDA Wildlife Services) for his service during the last two years as Councilperson-at-Large as his term came to an end. As in the past, we have already begun preparing for our next annual meeting, which is tentatively planned for 14–16 April 2019 in Springfield. Hope to see you there, if not sooner!

I would like to remind ICTWS members that our elected officials are entrusted with the duty to help shape wildlife management within Illinois. Each year the Illinois Legislature's Joint Committee on Administrative Rules reviews the IDNR's proposed fishing and hunting seasons and bag limits to ensure proposed rule changes comply with legislative mandates. However, recently it has become clear that un-informed and/or potentially misinformed legislators are developing legislation that may adversely affect protected wildlife, wildlife habitat, and the future of our profession in Illinois. In 2017, despite the ICTWS efforts to inform our elected officials about the negative consequences feral cats have on wildlife populations, the legislature passed Illinois Senate Bill 641. The Governor signed this bill, thereby allowing the use of funds collected from pet registration fees by County animal control agencies to support spay, neuter, and vaccination of animals in feral cat programs recognized by the county or municipality. More

recently, despite numerous ICTWS attempts to educate our elected officials about the negative impacts that supplemental deer feeding has on humans, domestic animals and wildlife health, Senate Bill 2493 was passed by the Legislature in May. This Bill directs the University of Illinois' Prairie Research Institute and the College of Veterinary Medicine to conduct a study of ≥ 5 years on the health and social effects of supplemental white-tailed deer feeding, and to determine whether supplemental deer feeding increases the risk of disease transmission in the wild deer population. While members of the ICTWS have invested countless hours attempting to inform our elected officials about the positive and/or negative consequences of proposed legislation, it seems that our intended messages have not been heard. Therefore, I feel we should work together to strengthen our educational outreach efforts on issues which are critical for wildlife, wildlife habitat, and our profession. In the coming year the ICTWS Executive Committee will be working with our membership to evaluate ways to more effectively provide accurate, science-based information related to wildlife management to our elected officials. Our goal is to better inform our elected representatives about the impacts of proposed legislation on our limited wildlife resources prior to casting their votes. Each of us play a role in the future of wildlife management in Illinois, and we all need to continue our efforts of providing science-based information to not just the residents of Illinois, but also to our elected representatives who are guiding wildlife management more and more each year.

Scott Beckerman ICTWS President



Conservation Affairs Committee Update

Senate Bill 2493 (Supplemental Deer Feeding) – Despite the Illinois Chapter of The Wildlife Society’s efforts to oppose to Senate Bill 2493, a second amendment to the bill was submitted in the House. This amendment calls for a prohibition on feeding during the first year of a five-year study on the effects of supplemental feeding on wild deer populations in Illinois. Then wild deer would receive supplemental feed during the next 4 (or more years) of the study. The Amendment also requires the University of Illinois Prairie Research Institute and the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine to conduct the study across the state on privately-owned lands. This 2nd amendment was adopted into the final legislation approved by both the House and Senate and awaits signature by Governor Bruce Rauner. Thank you to all members who signed witness slips and contacted their legislators. Read more about the 2018 introduction and the bill’s background [here](#).

For more TWS Conservation Affairs updates at the national level, please read the CAN [June 2018 newsletter](#).

Scott Meister
ICTWS Conservation Affairs Network Representative

News Updates from North Central Section

The Council of TWS recently held their spring meeting in association with the North American Wildlife and Natural Resources Conference in Norfolk, VA at the end of March. The meeting set the budget and annual work plan FY 2019. TWS has been improving its finances over the last 6 years and has recovered from the effects of the last recession. Membership continues to grow and TWS is again over 10,000 members.

The council approved the revision of the position statement on Incorporating Wildlife Needs in Land Management Plans. This is a consolidation of several previous position statements that addressed a specific land use. The new position statement will allow TWS to be more effective in addressing land use issues as they arise.

The staff has been arranging their schedules so that they can attend more section and state chapter meetings. The council voted to have the state and student chapter leadership rosters shared between the chapter officers to improve communications for planning conclaves and joint meetings. Mariah Simmons has been actively engaging chapters to make sure rosters are up to date. Mariah is very responsive to student and state chapter questions. Feel free to contact her with any questions.

The 2018 conference will be held in Cleveland Ohio from October 7–11. The planning committee has lined up a wide range of symposia, workshops, and events. Additional information on the conference is available at the

TWS website. All presentations at this year's conference will be recorded and will be made available at a fee as a virtual conference for those who cannot attend in person.

TWS publications continue to improve and expand. The impact factors of all journals have increased. The turnaround time for submitted articles has been reduced. One change for next year is the cost of print copies of JWM and monographs will be increasing to \$110.00 per year. Online versions of TWS journals are part of memberships.

The Give Back program that allows TWS members to give a free 6-month membership to a non-member has been expanded to student renewals. The program has been working well with most nominated wildlifers accepting the new membership.

TWS continues to work and partner with a number of other national conservation organizations on policy issues and legislation. While we strive to be on the same page, there are certain positions where we do deviate. TWS staff regularly meetings with AFWA, AFS, SAF, and others to promote wildlife issues.

For additional news updates from the North Central Section, please read the [Spring 2018 newsletter](#).

– John Moriarty, NC Section Representative to TWS Council

TWS FACTSHEET - Did you know? A list of TWS Member Benefits

Did you know?

[The Wildlife Society](#) endorses professional development and career advancement at various stages through its professional certification programs. The Certified Wildlife Biologist® and Associate Wildlife Biologist® designations validate a professional's completion of rigorous academic standards, educational background and demonstrated expertise in the art and science of applying the principles of ecology to the conservation and management of wildlife. Learn more about The Wildlife Society's professional certification programs at wildlife.org/certification-programs.

Did you know?

The new TWS Network Online Directory has revolutionized networking opportunities for all members of the Society. The directory is an incredible tool featuring a robust search engine that helps members connect with each other based on location, area of focus, employer type and other relevant factors. Its versatility can help you make valuable connections for collaboration, explore job opportunities, find mentors and more! [Click here](#) to learn more about this great TWS asset, or visit wildlife.org to see the complete list of membership benefits.

Did you know?

The Wildlife Society's diverse membership represents professionals from all across the wildlife science, management and conservation community, and from every organization type, including federal, state agency, private and corporate industry, nonprofit, academia and more! The Society provides a common platform for cross-organizational employees to network, communicate, share ideas, and collaborate on policy and conservation issues. To learn more about who we are, visit wildlife.org/about.

Did you know?

Between conference discounts, free magazines and journals, tuition savings through American Public University, and book discounts, TWS members can save hundreds of dollars each year, all for a price of just \$81! [Click here](#) to see a complete list of TWS membership benefits, or [join today](#).

Did you know?

The Wildlife Society membership now includes free, online access to *The Journal of Wildlife Management*, *Wildlife Monographs*, and *Wildlife Society Bulletin*. Learn more about TWS' journals by [clicking here](#), or visit wildlife.org to see the complete list of membership benefits.

Did you know?

Tired of paying an arm and a leg for the latest wildlife science and management textbooks and manuals? In cooperation with Wiley publishing and Johns Hopkins University Press, [The Wildlife Society](#) offers select titles to our members at a significant discount of 25-30 percent off. Check out a few of the titles at the [TWS book store](#).

Did you know?

Members of The Wildlife Society receive an e-newsletter, the eWildlifer, each week. The newsletter contains additional wildlife science, management, conservation and policy news, fun and educational information such as Quiz Bowl questions, two TWS Talks per week from our archive of Annual Conference presentation recordings, and important TWS news and notes in the announcements section!

Did you know?

[The Wildlife Society's](#) Annual Conference features over 14 concurrent sessions, 900 educational opportunities, more than 40 networking opportunities, and nearly 100 sponsors and exhibitors. Attendees also get online access to recorded presentations following the conference. TWS members can get all this at a \$200-discounted registration rate. Learn more about our conference at twsconference.org.

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/.

Did you know?

Members of [The Wildlife Society](#) enjoy six issues of our award-winning magazine, [The Wildlife Professional](#), each year. Featuring news and analysis on wildlife science, conservation, management, policy and education, it's a favorite membership benefit. TWS staff and contributing authors profile outstanding wildlife professionals, cover contemporary issues, summarize relevant scientific papers, highlight new field techniques, and more in this bimonthly publication.

Mariah Simmons - Units Services Coordinator
The Wildlife Society msimmons@wildlife.org

What wildlifera are reading in TWS journals

The top 20 most downloaded papers in 2017

By Nancy Sasavage
TWS Director of Publications and Communications

TWS' three premier wildlife journals — *The Journal of Wildlife Management*, *Wildlife Monographs* and the *Wildlife Society Bulletin* — support our mission to achieve a positive impact on the sustainability of wildlife populations through the dissemination of science-based wildlife conservation and management.

With online access now included as a membership benefit, TWS members are increasingly engaging with the latest research findings in wildlife science.

In case you missed any of these, here's a list of the most downloaded papers in 2017.

1. [Free-roaming cat interactions with wildlife admitted to a wildlife hospital](#)
2. [Polar bear attacks on humans: Implications of a changing climate](#)
3. [Determining kill rates of ungulate calves by brown bears using neck-mounted cameras](#)
4. [Effects of control on the dynamics of an adjacent protected wolf population in interior Alaska](#)
5. [Predicting eagle fatalities at wind facilities](#)
6. [How publishing in open access journals threatens science and what we can do about it](#)
7. [Clarifying historical range to aid recovery of the Mexican wolf](#)
8. [Bat mortality due to wind turbines in Canada](#)
9. [Online hunting forums identify achievement as prominent among multiple satisfactions](#)
10. [Inefficiency of evolutionarily relevant selection in ungulate trophy hunting](#)
11. [Investigating impacts of oil and gas development on greater sage-grouse](#)
12. [The role of domestic cats in the admission of injured wildlife at rehabilitation and rescue centers](#)
13. [Consumption of intentional food subsidies by a hunted carnivore](#)
14. [How open access is crucial to the future of science](#)
15. [Predators, predator removal, and sage-grouse: A review](#)
16. [Annual elk calf survival in a multiple carnivore system](#)
17. [Demography of an increasing caribou herd with restricted wolf control](#)
18. [Manipulations of black bear and coyote affect caribou calf survival](#)
19. [Winter diet and hunting success of Canada lynx in Colorado](#)
20. [Overpasses and underpasses: Effectiveness of crossing structures for migratory ungulates](#)

Two CWD articles appeared this week on eWildlifer with TWS: 1) <http://wildlife.org/tws-submits-testimony-on-cwd-program-revisions/> was posted 7 June 2018, and 2) <http://wildlife.org/illinois-chapter-opposes-supplemental-deer-feeding-bill/> was posted on 4 June 2018.

Log into [Your Membership](#) to read these papers by going to the “Publications” tab.

We want to thank these authors for choosing to publish with TWS.

Next time you are ready to submit a paper, we hope you will choose a TWS journal as your publication outlet!

Here's just a few reasons why you should:

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Conserving Hunters in Illinois

Jared Duquette
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Some of you may be familiar with the acronym “R3” that is abuzz in the natural resources community. If not, the acronym stands for three stages of participation in an activity: “recruitment, retention and reactivation”. This behavior process model has been used to identify and implement strategies that bolster participation in outdoor recreation activities, such as boating. Agencies and organizations across the U.S., including the IDNR, are now focusing this model on bolstering participation in hunting. Why hunting? Well, only about 2% of Illinois residents hunted last year, in addition to a decline of about 2% of resident hunters per year since 2006. Most of us know the numerous economic, ecological and social benefits hunting provides to wildlife conservation and local communities, so I let the statistics speak to the importance of hunter R3.

In a proactive move toward increasing hunter participation in Illinois, the IDNR Hunter Heritage Program is coordinating development of a long-term, adaptive hunter R3 strategy. The statewide strategy is being developed and implemented in collaboration with numerous government, NGO and industry partners in Illinois and nationally. At the core of the hunter R3 strategy is data collected from hunter and non-hunter input and behavior using tools such as human dimensions surveys and monitoring hunting license sales. Through data-informed knowledge, the Hunter Heritage Program and partners can implement and adapt programs and resources that accommodate the broad interests of Illinoisans that may hunt (recruitment), already hunt (retention), or have hunted in the past (reactivation). Contact me if you are interested in helping with this cause.

Professional Workshops

Sign Up for Learn to Hunt Program - Receive Free Educational Workshops and More!

A promotional graphic for the Illinois Learn to Hunt program. The background is a warm orange-yellow gradient. At the top, the word "ILLINOIS" is in small red letters. Below it, "LEARN" is in large, dark, textured letters, "to" is in a smaller, red, cursive font, and "HUNT" is in large, dark, textured letters. A silhouette of a bird in flight is positioned above the "HUNT" text. Below the title, a paragraph of text describes the program: "The Learn to Hunt program provides FREE educational workshops aimed at teaching ADULT participants how to hunt deer, turkey, small game, upland game, and waterfowl." This is followed by the heading "SIGN UP TO LEARN" in bold black letters. Below this, a list of topics is provided: "Hunting ethics and conservation - Equipment and safety", "Licenses and laws - Game ecology - Target shooting", and "Hunting techniques - Butchering and processing wild game". At the bottom, the heading "FOR MORE INFORMATION" is in bold black letters, followed by the Facebook link "www.facebook.com/IllinoisLearnToHunt" and the website "publish.illinois.edu/hunttrapillinois". The graphic is decorated with green grass silhouettes at the bottom and a silhouette of a deer on the right side.

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Rusty Patched Bumble Bee Landowner and Partner Workshops

Jo Daviess County

The Jo Daviess Conservation Foundation, in cooperation with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, is hosting an informational workshop covering the Rusty Patched Bumble Bee (*Bombus affinis*). The bee was listed as federally endangered in March of 2017 and efforts are underway to engage local landowners, conservation organizations, and partner agencies in Jo Daviess County. Please join us to learn about Rusty Patched Bumble Bee ecology and life history, sites in Illinois that are being managed for the bee, and what you can do to help Rusty Patched Bumble Bee and other wildlife in your area. **Refreshments and lunch provided!**

Presentations By:

- Wedge Watkins, Former Regional Pollinator Coordinator for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Retired)
- Angella Moorehouse, Biologist with the Illinois Nature Preserves Commission
- Andrew DiAllesandro, Private Lands Biologist with the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service

When: Saturday, August 4th 2018

Registration begins @ 8:30 A.M.

Presentations from 9:00 A.M. 12:00 P.M.

Habitat site tour from

Where: Hanover Township Park District (Presentations)

500 Fillmore Street

Hanover, IL 61041

Wapello Land and Water Reserve (Habitat Site Tour)

8642 Illinois 84

Hanover, IL 61041

Please RSVP by calling or emailing either Andrew DiAllesandro (309-757-5800 x210, andrew_diallesandro@fws.gov) or Lindsay Foy (815-858-9100, educator@JDCF.org)



Peoria Region

The Peoria Park District, in cooperation with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, is hosting an informational workshop covering the Rusty Patched Bumble Bee (*Bombus affinis*). The bee was listed as federally endangered in March of 2017 and efforts are underway to engage local landowners, conservation organizations, and partner agencies in the Peoria region. Please join us to learn about Rusty Patched Bumble Bee ecology and life history, sites in Illinois that are being managed for the bee, and what you can do to help Rusty Patched Bumble Bee and other wildlife in your area. **Refreshments and lunch provided!**

Presentations By:

- Wedge Watkins, Former Regional Pollinator Coordinator for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Retired)
- Angella Moorehouse, Biologist with the Illinois Nature Preserves Commission
- Andrew DiAllesandro, Private Lands Biologist with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- Mike Miller, Supervisor of Environmental Services with the Peoria Park District

When: Saturday, July 28 2018

Registration begins @ 8:30 A.M.

Presentations from 9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

Habitat site tour from 1:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.

Where: Tawny Oaks Field Station

715 W Singing Woods Rd

Edelstein, IL 61526

Link to Google map: <https://goo.gl/maps/tYt1LMEFqks>

Please RSVP before July 24, by calling or emailing either Andrew DiAllesandro (309-757-5800 x210, andrew_diallesandro@fws.gov) or Mike Miller (309-681-2858, mmiller@peoriaparks.org)



**FREE
WORKSHOP**

JULY 2-3, 2018

Register online at go.illinois.edu/black-fly-workshop

Black fly sampling and quantification

INSTRUCTED BY



Christine Parker
PhD Candidate
INHS/NRES



Tommy McElrath, PhD
INHS Insect
Collection Manager

SCHEDULE

DAY 1 INCLUDES:

- an overview of black flies as pathogen/ parasite vectors among wildlife species
- a field trip to deploy CO₂-baited CDC traps with Christine Parker

DAY 2 INCLUDES:

- learning to identify black flies using a key and reference specimens from the INHS Insect Collection with Tommy McElrath
- learning to use ImageJ software to quantify black fly samples with Christine Parker

YOU WILL LEARN TO:

- Understand the importance of black flies as an arthropod vector
- Identify knowledge gaps regarding black fly-wildlife interactions
- Conduct field surveys for black flies using CO₂-baited CDC traps
- Identify black flies using a key and reference specimens from the INHS Insect Collection
- Quantify black fly samples using ImageJ software

THIS WORKSHOP IS FUNDED BY THE
WILDLIFE DISEASE ASSOCIATION



PLEASE CONTACT CHRISTINE PARKER AT CMROY2@ILLINOIS.EDU FOR MORE DETAILS

Space is limited (10 attendees maximum). If interested in attending for only 1 day, please contact Christine.

Job Announcements

Ph.D. Assistantship – Northern Bobwhites in Grazing Systems

Agency: University of Tennessee, Department of Forestry, Wildlife, and Fisheries

Location: Knoxville, TN

Duration: 1 January 2019 – 31 May 2022

Position Description: Ph.D. research assistantship available for graduate student studying northern bobwhite responses to native grass grazing systems. The Center for Native Grasslands Management (<http://nativegrasses.utk.edu/>) at the University of Tennessee is implementing a field experiment in cooperation with Natural Resources Conservation Service, Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, and US Department of Defense that will be conducted near Richmond, KY. Incumbent will conduct research to determine adult and nest survival, habitat selection, and abundances for target grassland songbirds in the context of production-oriented grazing systems. Degree for successful candidate will be a Ph.D. in Natural Resources.

Qualifications: Applicants must be motivated with a good attitude and a strong work ethic. Well-developed oral and written communication skills are desired and the ability to work cooperatively within a team setting is required. Students with a strong interest in agro-ecology and conservation within working grassland systems are preferred. Applicants should possess a M.S. in Range Ecology/ Management, Wildlife, or related field and a valid driver's license. A minimum GPA of 3.0 and GRE scores (Q+V) of 302 are required.

Salary: \$20,000 plus tuition waiver and health insurance

Last date to apply: Until qualified applicant is found.

Application Procedure: Interested applicants should send a cover letter explaining their interest along with a CV, and GRE scores to the e-mail address below. Information on formal application as a Ph.D. candidate can be found at the Department's web page (<http://fwf.ag.utk.edu>).

Contact: Patrick Keyser, Professor
Email: pkeyser@utk.edu (preferred)
Phone: 865-974-0644

Conservation Biologist, Illinois Natural History Survey (INHS)

We have an open position for a Visiting Scientific Specialist, Conservation Biologist at Illinois Natural History Survey (INHS) in the Prairie Research Institute (PRI) at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (UIUC).

INHS is seeking a Visiting Scientific Specialist, Conservation Biologist to conduct research projects on the conservation and management of species and natural communities in Illinois. This position will be located in Springfield, Illinois.

For more information visit:

<https://jobs.illinois.edu/academic-job-board/job-details?>

Land Conservation Specialist (NGRREC)

The National Great Rivers Research and Education Center (NGRREC) is seeking a Land Conservation Specialist to actively provide agricultural conservation assistance to USDA-NRCS in a multi-county region. The primary purposes of the position will be to provide conservation planning, outreach, and mid-contract management assistance to agricultural producers to leverage Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) opportunities to achieve wildlife and water quality goals. The successful application will support Farm Bill conservation efforts pertaining to the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) and Wetland Reserve Easement (WRE) programs. The job involves a good mix of field/office work and landowner outreach.

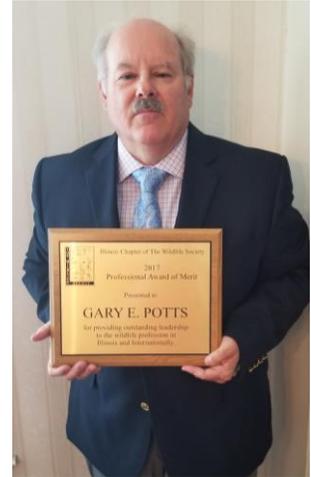
For more information visit: <https://jobs.lc.edu/postings/1305>

ICTWS Member Publications

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Congratulations!

- Dr. Eric Schaubert, Animal Ecologist currently at Southern Illinois University Carbondale, has been selected as the next director of the Prairie Research Institute's Illinois Natural History Survey. Eric will begin his appointment on 1 July 2018. More information about Eric's new position can be found at the following link: <https://blogs.illinois.edu/view/7447/643336>. Congratulations again Eric on a well-deserved opportunity!
- ICTWS President Paul Brewer presented Gary Potts the Professional Award of Merit at the ICTWS meeting on April 23, 2018. Potts becomes the 16th member of the ICTWS to be awarded the Professional Award of Merit. You can learn more about the award at <http://wildlife.org/illinois-chapter/about/> and view past award winners at <http://wildlife.org/illinois-chapter/about/past-award-recipients/>
- Ph.D. candidate Ryan J. Askren (first prize) and M.S. candidate Sean E. MacDonald (second prize) won the student oral presentation awards at the 54th Annual Meeting of the Illinois Chapter of The Wildlife Society. Best poster presentations were awarded to M. S. candidate Ed Davis (first prize) and Yatin Kalki (second prize). Ryan is advised by Dr. Mike Ward and Sean is co-advised by Drs. Jinelle Sperry, Brett DeGregorio, and Mike Ward at the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Ed Davis is advised by Dr. Chris Jacques at the Department of Biological Sciences at Western Illinois University, and Yatin Kalki is a student at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.



Upcoming Meetings



SAVE THE DATE

CLEVELAND, OHIO | 7–11 OCTOBER 2018

This year our conference travels to Cleveland, Ohio, to celebrate our 25 years of educational conferences. Each year our conference grows with more educational and networking sessions, and 2018 is no exception. We anticipate our biggest conference to date, as members from across North America gather to celebrate our 25th Annual Conference.

Visit twsconference.org for more information on our 2018 conference. We will continue to add information on the conference as it becomes available, so keep checking in.

To become a sponsor or contributor for The Wildlife Society's 25th Annual Conference, contact Business Solutions and Development Manager, [Chuck Shively](#), for opportunities.

98th Annual Meeting of the American Society of Mammalogists

June 25-29, 2018

Manhattan, KS

<http://www.mammalmeetings.org/>



79th Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference

Jan 26 – 30, 2019 Cleveland, OH

<http://www.midwestfw.org/>



80th Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference

Will be hosted by Illinois

[Watch for details](#)

Student Chapter Corner

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President: Becca Curtiss
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University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

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President: Tristan Schramer
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Western Illinois University

Advisors: Dr. Chris Jacques, cn-jacques@wiu.edu
President: Charmayne Anderson
Webpage: <https://www.facebook.com/WIU.Wildlife.Society/>

Resources

The Wildlife Society staff and Council actively encourage the success of student chapters and provide ongoing assistance to them. For more information on resources available to student chapters including annual conclaves, the TWS Leadership Institute, Career Development and Job Board visit: <http://wildlife.org/next-generation/>

ICTWS Newsletters

Don't wait for solicitation to provide any contributions to the next ICTWS Newsletter! We accept news, awards notices, recent publications, upcoming conferences, or any item that could be valuable to members throughout the entire year. Please email Chris Jacques at cn-jacques@wiu.edu any contributions. Previous editions of our Newsletter are available on our website: <http://wildlife.org/illinois-chapter/>.

ICTWS Executive Board

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