



2018 Annual Meeting Schedule

Wednesday, February 28 – Friday, March 2, 2018

Holiday Inn Conference Center, 110 South 2nd Avenue, Kearney, NE

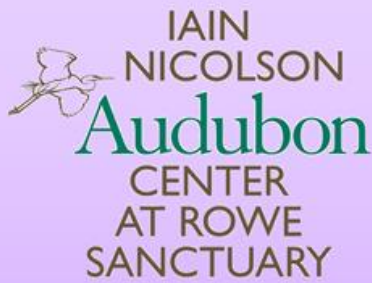
Time	Wednesday, February 28 th
9:00a – 11:00a	NETWS Executive Board Meeting
10:00a – 1:00p	Conference Registration and Check-in
1:00p – 1:10p	Welcome – Jenny Prenosil, NETWS President
1:10p – 2:00p	Platte Basin Timelapse: Perceiving a Watershed in Motion – Michael Forsberg and Mary Harner
2:00p – 2:40p	Impacts of the 2012 Wildfire on The Nature Conservancy’s Niobrara Valley Preserve – Chris Helzer and Amanda Hefner
2:40p – 3:00p	Break
3:00p – 3:20p	Prehistoric Fire Evidence and the Use of Grassland Fires by Historic Native American Indians in the Northern Great Plains – Kenneth Higgins
3:20p – 3:50p	Recovering America’s Wildlife Act – Eric Zach
4:00p – 5:00p	Nebraska Chapter of The Wildlife Society Annual Business Meeting
5:00p – 6:00p	Social and Poster Session
6:00p – 9:00p	Dinner and Quiz Bowl

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Time	Thursday, March 1 st	
5:00a	Crane Viewing – depending on migration	
8:00a – 10:00a	Morning Session, Coffee and Rolls Available in Meeting Room Mariah Simmons, The Wildlife Society Student Chapter Updates	
10:00a – 10:30a	Break	
10:30a – 12:00p	Session A	Session B
10:30a – 11:00a	Comparison of sampling techniques for <i>Asclepias</i> on a variety of land management types located in the Monarch Butterfly's (<i>Danaus plexippus</i>) breeding grounds in Eastern Nebraska – Mercy Dinwiddie, Nebraska Game and Parks Commission	Large or Small Patches? How Patch Size and Nest Density Influence Nest Survival and Conservation in Grasslands – Victoria Simonsen, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
11:00a – 11:30a	Effective control of deciduous woody plants in grasslands: results from a land manager survey and field study – Eric Chien, The Nature Conservancy	The effects of large-scale wetland loss on network connectivity of the Rainwater Basin, Nebraska – Bram H. F. Verheijen, Kansas Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Unit
11:30a – 1:30p	Lunch and CMPS Annual Business Meeting	
	Session A	Great Plains Fire Science Exchange Symposium
1:40p – 2:10p	Human-induced rapid environmental change and spatial mismatches in species distribution – Erica Stuber, University of Nebraska-Lincoln	Normalizing Prescribed Fire: Cultural disruption on the prairie and the return of the fire regime in Nebraska – Brian Teeter, Pheasants Forever/Nebraska Game and Parks
2:10p – 2:40p	Effects of field and landscape-scale habitat on ring-necked pheasant demography and predation patterns – Tim Lyons, University of Nebraska-Lincoln	Results of Prescribed Fire on Platte River Prairies – Chris Helzer, The Nature Conservancy

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2:40p – 3:10p	Life History Plasticity Creates Long Term Options for Species Survival – Nate Bickford, University of Nebraska-Kearney	Use of Grassland Fires in the Management of Ground Nesting Game Birds in the Great Plains and Elk in Teton National Park – Kenneth F. Higgins, South Dakota State University
3:10p – 3:30p	Break	
3:30p – 4:00p	Evaluation of the Deadwood Bighorn Sheep Herd Translocation – Ty Werdel, Kansas State University	Exploring the Value of Habitat Heterogeneity at Multiple Scales and Geographies in Nebraska’s Grasslands – Chris Helzer, The Nature Conservancy
4:00p – 4:30p	Bison as grassland seed-dispersal vectors – Mark Hammer, Wayne State College	Lighting the Sandhills on Fire – Shelly Kelly, Sandhills Task Force
4:30p – 5:00p	Comparing small mammal communities in remnant and restored prairies at TNC’s Platte River Prairies – Jasmine Cutter, The Nature Conservancy	Prescribed Burning in Oak Woodlands – Gerry Steinauer, Nebraska Game and Parks Commission and Kent Pfeiffer, Northern Prairies Land Trust and Nebraska Game and Parks Commission
5:00p – 6:00p	Social and Poster Session	
6:00p – 9:00p	Dinner, Awards, and Auction	
	Friday, March 2nd, Student Professional Workshop, location near Wood River, NE. Breakfast and lunch provided at workshop site for students and advisors. Plan to finish about noon.	



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