

The Northeast Section of The Wildlife Society Newsletter

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Message from the President

Hello Northeast Section members!

In April, I took over as President of the Section and I want to both introduce myself and thank previous Section officers for their time and service.

With our new experimental structure, I only have until April 2020 to serve as President. At our meeting at NEAFWA in Groton, CT, we decided that that was not enough time to both learn the ropes and be an effective leader, and we are in the process of amending the bylaws to have the Section President serve a two-year term instead. This should go out to the membership for a vote shortly.

Additionally, we discussed how we could better communicate with and serve the State and Student Chapters. If you have suggestions, please reach out and contact me. In addition, if you would like to serve as an officer at the Section level, we are always looking for enthusiastic and energetic individuals. Not to worry if you do not possess either of these traits, we are looking for engaged members too. Thank you and feel free to shoot me a message.

Scott C. Williams, Ph. D.,
Certified Wildlife Biologist®
President, Northeast Section



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Featured Photographer: Roger Masse

Dr. Roger J. Masse earned his BS (wildlife biology) from University of Vermont, MSc (natural resources) from Delaware State University, and PhD (environmental science) from University of Rhode Island. His interest in wildlife photography began during graduate school, but he considers himself to be a novice. Roger started working as an assistant professor of wildlife management at SUNY Cobleskill during Spring 2017. Although his wildlife pictures include a variety of taxa, Roger is primarily interested in birds. He studied American woodcock during his PhD and this species still holds his teaching, research, and recreation interests today.



Even with the snow, this woodcock's camouflage is impressive.

NORTHEAST UPDATES

The Conservation Affairs Committee (CAC) is looking for new members!

The CAC currently has representatives from ME, NJ, and MD/DE. Additional members from those states are always welcome, but we would love to have representatives from other states join us too!

If you are interested in volunteering for this position, please contact the current Chair, Karen Stackpole, or any of our officers for more information.

(See *Who's Who* at the end of this newsletter for contact information)



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NORTHEAST UPDATES CONTINUED

WVTWS Spring Conference Summary

The West Virginia Chapter of The Wildlife Society (WVTWS) held its spring conference on the Evansdale Campus of West Virginia University (Morgantown, WV) on April 5, 2019. The conference provided an opportunity for undergraduate students, graduate students, postdoctoral researchers, and other wildlife professionals to share ongoing and completed research efforts in the wildlife field. Institutions and agencies represented at the conference were West Virginia University, Marshall University, University of Delaware, and the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources, and a variety of research topics included amphibians, reptiles, songbirds, waterfowl, and macroinvertebrates. The award for best student oral presentation was presented to Gordon Dimmig (West Virginia University), and the award for best student poster presentation was presented to Emily Mausteller (Marshall University). The West Virginia Chapter of The Wildlife Society would like to sincerely thank all participants for making this year's spring conference a success.



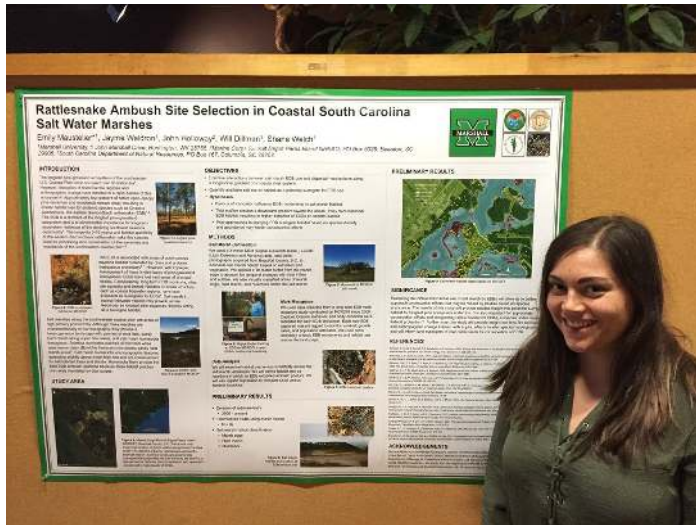
West Virginia Chapter of The Wildlife Society spring conference on Evansdale Campus of West Virginia University on April 5, 2019.

Gordon Dimmig's oral presentation "*Spatial and Temporal Dynamics of Songbirds on a Central Appalachian Elevation Gradient*"



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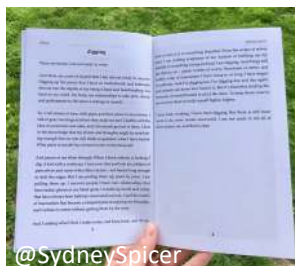


Emily Mausteller's poster presentation
*"Rattlesnake Ambush Site Selection in
 Coastal South Carolina Salt Water
 Marshes"*

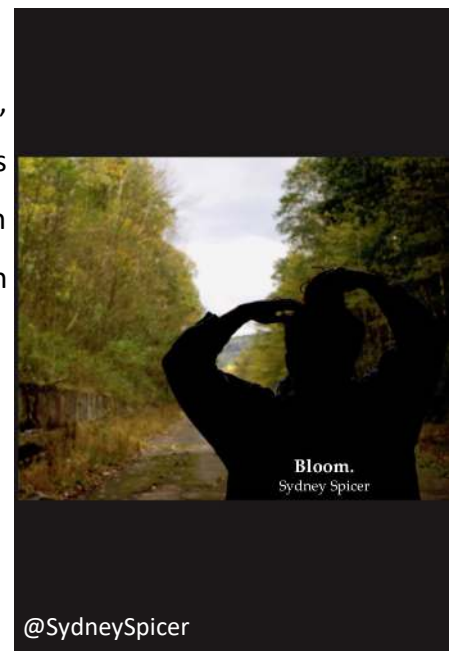


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Congrats to Sydney Spicer, NETWS's former newsletter editor, on the publication of *Bloom*, her short book of lyric essays about self and the environment. It has appeared on Amazon lists next to Aldo Leopold and Thoreau—which is quite an honor!

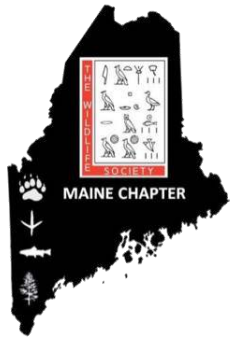


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MAINE CHAPTER UPDATE



METWS NEEDS YOU!

Do you have an interest in serving the Chapter, but aren't ready for the commitment of becoming a Board Member? Then being a Committee Member is the place for you!

Do you enjoy planning workshops? What about checking in with members or encouraging professionals to become members? Would you like the satisfaction of reviewing nominations and making recommendations for Chapter awards? Do you already track legislative proposals in Maine or at the federal level and want to share your knowledge and passion with the membership? Are you interested in engaging the public in wildlife issues? Do you work with other professionals with similar interests and who would be willing to join you? If any of these topics sound like you, then you're in luck! METWS NEEDS YOU!

METWS has reached a critical point in the level of individual involvement in committees - we will not be able to continue to function according to our ByLaws without additional involvement. Many of the same individuals have served the Chapter in different roles for many years. They've kept the Chapter relevant and accomplished great things over the years. Every organization requires new involvement to replace those who have previously served and it's time for us to see some new names and faces.

If you'd like to be involved in a committee, please contact Sarah Spencer at sarahmargaretspencer@gmail.com.

Message from the Newsletter Editor

Looks like winter in the Northeast is finally behind us! Additional hours of daylight, colorful blooms, and of course, the not so enjoyable return of ticks, mosquitoes, and other important, but pesky, insects.

It is also time to choose the next NETWS Newsletter Editor! It has been fun interacting with members through this position, and I want to thank all who have helped me and submitted material along the way.

If you are interested in becoming the next editor, please contact any of the Board members (contact info found on *Who's Who* page).

I hope to cross paths with more of you at upcoming workshops or conferences, but until then, Happy Summer!



SUNY COBLESKILL STUDENT CHAPTER

SUNY Cobleskill Student Chapter Earns Accolades at NE Student Conclave, NE Fish and Wildlife Conference

By Roger J. Masse (Advisor)

The SUNY Cobleskill Student Chapter of The Wildlife Society brought 15 student members to the Northeast Student Conclave in Old Orchard Beach, ME from 12-14 April 2019. While diverse workshops are a major draw for students looking to learn new skills or sharpen previously learned skills, the competitions that Conclave features are equally important to some. This year, SUNY Cobleskill earned a 3rd place finish (out of 12 teams) in the highly competitive Quiz Bowl. This year's Conclave Quiz Bowl team consisted of Aaron France, Alyssa Holliday, Haley Keff, Brandon Metzinger, and Colby Slezak (captain). In addition, MaKenna Martin, Tyler Gottstein, and Quill Silverman made up the SUNY Cobleskill BioBlitz team which earned a 2nd place finish overall. There were also two individual competitions consisting of wildlife and plant identification and fire-making. Our own Colby Slezak earned a 1st place finish in the wildlife and plant identification challenge, while Bailey Mitchell earned a 1st place finish for SUNY Cobleskill in the fire-making challenge.



SUNY Cobleskill Student Chapter of TWS Quiz Bowl team (3rd place) at the 2019 Northeast Student Conclave. Left to right: Aaron France, Brandon Metzinger, Alyssa Holliday, Haley Keff, and Colby Slezak (captain).

SUNY COBLESKILL STUDENT CHAPTER CONTINUED



SUNY Cobleskill Student Chapter of TWS BioBlitz team (2nd place) at the 2019 Northeast Student Conclave. Left to right: Tyler Gottstein, Quill Silverman, and MaKenna Martin.

Colby Slezak of SUNY Cobleskill earned 1st place in the wildlife and plant identification competition at the 2019 Northeast Student Conclave.



Bailey Mitchell of SUNY Cobleskill earned 1st place in the fire-making competition at the 2019 Northeast Student Conclave.

SUNY COBLESKILL STUDENT CHAPTER CONTINUED

Immediately after attending the Northeast Student Conclave, Colby Slezak and Dr. Roger J. Masse (student chapter advisor) attended the award ceremony of the 75th annual Northeast Fish and Wildlife Conference in Groton, CT. At the ceremony, Colby accepted the P. F. English Memorial Award given by the Northeast Section of TWS to the outstanding graduating senior in a wildlife management program. Colby's academic excellence, dedication to the wildlife profession, and consistent involvement in TWS at local, state, regional, and national levels set him apart from his peers.



Following graduation, Colby will be moving to Rhode Island where he will begin his MSc program at University of Rhode Island during Fall 2019. Dr. Masse was also acknowledged at the award ceremony by being selected for the John Pearce Memorial Award. The Northeast Section of TWS gives this award to acknowledge outstanding professional accomplishment in any aspect of wildlife conservation. Dr. Masse was selected for this award because of his dedication to undergraduate training, including facilitating undergraduate research opportunities and consistent encouragement of student involvement in TWS at all levels.



Colby Slezak (left) was selected for the P. F. English Memorial Award and Dr. Roger J. Masse (right) was selected for the John Pearce Memorial Award at the 75th annual Northeast Fish and Wildlife Conference in Groton, CT. Photo courtesy of Paul Fusco.

TWS NATIONAL UPDATES

Most Downloaded Journal Articles in 2018

In 2018, there were over 240,000 downloads of articles from TWS' three premier wildlife journals—*The Journal of Wildlife Management*, *Wildlife Monographs*, and the *Wildlife Society Bulletin*. That's an average of 20,000 downloads per month!

More than ever before, wildlife professionals from around the globe are turning to TWS journals as their source for the latest research findings in wildlife science and management. Here's what they're reading:

JWM – [Population growth and status of California sea lions](#)

WSB – [From climate to caribou: How manufactured uncertainty is affecting wildlife management](#)

JWM – [Predicting the evolutionary consequences of trophy hunting on quantitative trait](#)

JWM – [Pneumonia in bighorn sheep: Risk and resilience](#)

JWM – [Chronic wasting disease influences activity and behavior in white tailed deer](#)

JWM – [Inefficiency of evolutionarily relevant selection in ungulate trophy hunting](#)

JWM – [Special section: Controversies in mountain sheep management](#)

JWM – [Effects of rotational grazing management on nesting greater sage-grouse](#)

JWM – [Review and synthesis of research investigating golden eagle electrocutions](#)

JWM – [Applying a random encounter model to estimate lion density from camera traps in Serengeti National Park, Tanzania](#)

As a quick reminder, online access to all TWS journal articles is a benefit of TWS membership. To access, simply login to your TWS account through [Your Membership](#) or directly through the [TWS Journal Hub](#). In addition to catching up on your 2018 reading, be sure to check out some of the most popular articles so far in 2019, like this recent [study](#), which suggests that the expanded range of coyotes has not curtailed deer populations in eastern US states...or this [paper](#), which explores the application of smartphone LIDAR in wildlife studies.



TWS NATIONAL UPDATES CONTINUED

A Message From the TWS Student Development Working Group

Wildlifers probably do not think about what they come in contact with daily, but they're exposed to various diseases and situations that the average person is not. And because of this, doctors might not know to check for these uncommon sign/symptoms. But you're in luck! The **USGS and the CDC have a [medical card](#) for wildlife professionals** to keep on them so if the situation arises, they are aware you are exposed to things that most people are not and can give you the care and medicine you need. Please print multiple copies and have them with you and your co-workers.

Stay safe out there!



TWS Organization Units Gather Senate Support for State and Tribal Wildlife Grants Program

Several organization units worked in concert with TWS headquarters staff to request Senators sign a **Dear Colleague Letter** in support of adequate funding for the **State and Tribal Wildlife Grants** program. This effort and the engagement of partner organizations such as the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies and the National Wildlife Federation resulted in 46 Senators encouraging robust funding for the program. Some organization units including the **South Dakota Chapter** also followed up with House offices **thanking them** for their support of the program on the previously circulated **House Dear Colleague Letter**.



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TWS Responds to USGS Travel Policy

The Wildlife Society, with 10 other member organizations of the USGS Coalition, **commented** on a new **internal memo** circulated by USGS Director James Reilly that would restrict the ability of USGS employees to attend and engage in professional conferences. The new policy is reportedly on hold pending further review by the Survey.

TWS NATIONAL UPDATES CONTINUED

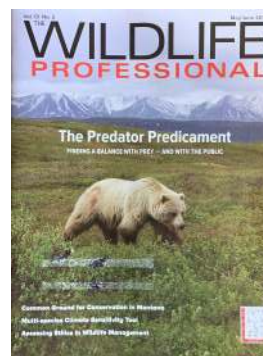
Conference Registration is Open! RENO, NEVADA | SEPT. 29 – OCT. 3, 2019

This year The Wildlife Society travels to **Reno, Nev., for a joint conference with American Fisheries Society**. The American Fisheries Society (AFS) and The Wildlife Society (TWS) conferences are where fisheries and wildlife professionals meet with their colleagues, present groundbreaking science, and enhance their interdisciplinary skills. Each year our conference grows with more educational and networking sessions, and 2019 is no exception.

Click [here](#) to register,
or check out this year's educational and training program [here](#).



Have you checked out
the May/June
issue of *The Wildlife
Professional*?



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WHO'S WHO IN THE NORTHEAST? CONTINUED

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