



The Minnesota Chapter of The Wildlife Society

2020 Annual Meeting | February 18 – 20, 2020 | Willmar Conference Center | Willmar, Minnesota

CALL FOR PAPER AND POSTER ABSTRACTS

The Minnesota Chapter of The Wildlife Society will hold its annual meeting in **Willmar, Minnesota from February 18 – 20, 2020**. The Conference will include **plenary presentations and discussions, networking events, contributed oral presentations, and contributed posters and student research-in-progress posters**. See www.willmarconferencecenter.com for more information about the meeting facilities. Additional information about registration, accommodations, and conference events will be provided soon. Watch for announcements in Minnesota TWS emails or on these websites: wildlife.org/mn/annual-meeting or facebook.com/mntws.

We invite you to submit abstracts for prospective contributed oral or poster presentation on topics of wildlife ecology, management, conservation, education, or policy. Abstracts will not be published, so we encourage reports from the author's most recent scientific investigations and management experiences. All submissions will be considered.

The theme for meeting is *Wildlife conservation in agriculturally dominated landscapes: current research, management, and attitudes in the rural Midwest*. The Prairie Farmland Committee will be sponsoring a special concurrent session on this topic, therefore presentation or poster abstracts incorporating this theme are especially invited for contributed sessions.

Contributed Oral Presentations will be scheduled for 20 minutes, which includes 15 minutes for the presentation and five minutes for questions.

Contributed Posters will be scheduled by topic, presenters will present a printed version of their poster at the conference.

Student Research in Progress Posters: All undergraduate, M.S., and Ph.D. students with research in progress can submit an abstract for this session. Abstracts submitted can include 1) research that is in progress; 2) a proposed research project (with a focus on study design); 3) results from completed undergraduate research projects; or 4) student chapter research projects that may not be appropriate for the regular poster sessions (these may include a class or group research project). Presenters will need to bring a printed version of their poster to display at the conference.

Instructions for Submitting Abstracts

Abstracts for the oral and poster sessions are due by December 20, 2019. Abstract submissions must be emailed to Kyle Daly at kyle.okeefe.daly@gmail.com. Abstracts that miss this deadline will not be considered. Authors may submit more than one abstract for consideration as a contributed paper, contributed poster or student work in progress; however, abstracts must show a clear delineation of subject, results, or management implications.

Abstracts submissions must include:

- 1) Designate as ORAL or POSTER.
- 2) Designate as PROFESSIONAL or STUDENT presentation. Students need to note whether they are a GRADUATE or UNDERGRADUATE.
- 3) Provide presentation title in **BOLD**.
- 4) Each author on a separate line by organization and contact info (mailing address, email, and phone).
- 5) Abstracts need to be 300 words or less; use Arial 12 point font.
- 6) Email abstracts by December 20, 2019 to Kyle Daly, kyle.okeefe.daly@gmail.com. Put "MN TWS 2020 Abstract" in the subject line.

Abstract Example:

ORAL PRESENTATION PROFESSIONAL

The Role of Truffula tree abundance in population stability of bears, fishes, and birds

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Annual monitoring of bears, fishes, and birds in the Truffula Forest region of Sues Province has shown marked decline in all three species over the last 10 years (2006-2016). These animals are dependent on Truffula trees for some stage of their life cycle; recent tree loss due to intensive logging has significantly reduced the number of Truffula trees in the forest. A study was initiated in 2015 to determine specific links between tree removal and population decline. Aerial imagery and tracking collars (bears), nest searches (birds) and interviews (fishes) were used to create a "use map" for a 4-square mile area. Data collected thus far indicates that bears and birds are present at 0.25 percent of their expected occurrence and fishes go downstream during cold weather..but then come back.

Notice of Decision

Notice of decision will be made on or about January 17, 2020 via email.

Please direct any questions related to proposal preparation or submission to Kyle Daly, kyle.okeefe.daly@gmail.com.