



The Minnesota Chapter of The Wildlife Society

2023 ANNUAL MEETING

Annual Meeting Overview and Call for Paper & Poster Abstracts

February 21 – 23, 2023 | [Cragun's Resort](#) | Brainerd, Minnesota

OVERVIEW

After several years of pandemic-induced virtual meetings, our 2023 Annual Meeting is planned for in-person! We expect to bring together 250 wildlife professionals, educators, students, and supporters from state, federal, non-profit, academic, and tribal organizations within Minnesota.

Our theme this year is ***“Achieving Resilience in Natural Habitats and Human Dimensions.”*** Multiple factors such as industrial agriculture, urban sprawl, climate change, invasive species (including forest insects and disease), mining, and unmanaged recreation continue to stress our remaining natural habitats and associated wildlife populations at multiple scales. Moreover, attempting to manage our natural resources in concert with these stressors creates challenges for land managers, researchers, and other natural resource specialists. More than ever, it is important for us to hear about some success stories. What management practices, strategies, or programs have helped mitigate or offset adverse impacts to our habitats or landscapes? From a human dimensions’ standpoint, what methods or preparations can natural resource personnel integrate into their work to achieve their full professional potential? Plenary speakers and their topics include:

Achieving Resilience in Natural Habitats and Human Dimensions		
Presenter	Organization	Title/Topic
Lee Frelich	Director of the Center for Forest Ecology, University of Minnesota	Boreal/Lake States Forest and Community Resilience
Dale Gentry	Conservation Manager, Audubon Minnesota	Grassland Bird Conservation Through Audubon Conservation Ranching
Shona Langseth	Programs Department, Land Stewardship Project	Regenerating Healthy Soil and the Impacts on Local Fish and Wildlife
Jeanne Chambers (tentative)	Scientist Emeritus, Rocky Mtn. Research Station, Reno Nevada	Using Ecological Resilience to Manage Ecosystems and Species at Risk
Adam Landon	Conservation Social Scientist, Minnesota Dept. of Natural Resources	A Human Dimensions Perspective on Wildlife Management

Meeting highlights include a plenary session, two full days of concurrent general sessions and special sessions on a range of topics important to management in Minnesota, and a non-toxic ammunition workshop (and possibly additional workshop topics) that participants will be able to apply to their day-to-day work. There will also be poster displays, networking opportunities, student events, and an awards banquet to celebrate another year of hard work and accomplishments. Finally, we will hold our inaugural “first-timers” event, which is meant to welcome our new attendees and highlight our chapter’s diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts.

***There will be many opportunities to learn and reconnect with colleagues,
and we look forward to meeting with all of you again in person!***

CALL FOR PAPER AND POSTER ABSTRACTS

We invite you to submit abstracts for prospective contributed oral or poster presentations on topics of wildlife ecology, management, conservation, education, or policy. We encourage reports from the author’s most recent scientific investigations and management experiences. All submissions will be considered.

Our theme is ***“Achieving Resilience in Natural Habitats and Human Dimensions.”*** Therefore, presentation or poster abstracts incorporating this theme are highly encouraged.

- **Contributed Oral Presentations** will be scheduled for 20 minutes, which includes 15 minutes for the presentation and 5 minutes for questions.
- **Contributed Posters** will be scheduled by topic, and 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 **January 1, 2023**. 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) Indicate ORAL or POSTER presentation.
- 2) Indicate PROFESSIONAL or STUDENT presentation. Students need to note whether they are a GRADUATE or UNDERGRADUATE.
- 3) Provide presentation title in **BOLD**.
- 4) List each author on a separate line with 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 January 1 , 2023 to: Nicole Bernd, nicole.bernd@wpolk.mnswcd.org, or Bruce Anderson, bdandersons1953@outlook.com. Put "MN TWS 2023 Abstract" in the subject line.

Notice of Decision: Notice of decision will be made on or about January 9, 2023 via email.

REGISTRATION FEES

Conference:

\$60 for students (*Includes 1-yr membership in the MNTWS state chapter*)

\$100 for MNTWS member professionals

\$120 for non-member professionals

Awards Banquet:

Our Awards Banquet will be held on Wednesday evening and is an excellent reason to gather, have fun, and celebrate our award winners. And because everyone likes a good deal, banquet meal ticket prices will be greatly discounted from the vendor's meal price by at least 75% and 35% for students and all others, respectively, with the following prices per ticket:

\$10 for students

\$25 for all others

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. See [Cragun's Resort](#) for more information about the meeting facilities and lodging. A block of rooms has been reserved until January 15 at a guaranteed rate of \$129/night, plus tax.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Please direct questions related to proposed paper/poster submissions, registration, or any other questions to: Nicole Bernd nicole.bernd@wpolk.mnswcd.org, 218-281-6070, or Bruce Anderson, bdandersons1953@outlook.com, 218-451-0382.

We look forward to seeing you at our Annual Meeting!

Nicole Bernd, President Elect-MNTWS

Bruce D. Anderson, President-MNTWS