



2023 Combined Annual Meeting

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The Wildlife Society

“Tails & Trails: Wildlife-Human Dynamics in a Changing West”

March 8-10, 2023

Grand Junction Convention Center, Grand Junction, Colorado

We are excited to welcome everyone to our first in-person meeting since 2020 in beautiful Grand Junction, Colorado. This combined conference promises to be an excellent opportunity to network, learn, and share ideas with your colleagues from around the region. Don't miss this unique event!

Registration is OPEN!

Register now!

Click [here](#) to register. Registration fees will increase February 1st!

Abstracts Accepted NOW!

Submit your abstracts NOW! All abstracts are due February 1st. Review the [Call for Abstracts](#) and complete the [Submission Form](#).

Schedule at a Glance

Wednesday, March 8, 2023

- Morning and Afternoon Workshops
- Opening Reception

Thursday, March 9, 2023

- Student Networking Breakfast
- Plenary Session
- Contributed Papers
- Business Meetings
- IGNITE Session
- Poster Session

- Keynote Address (TWS CEO, Ed Arnett)
- Reception, Banquet, Auction, Awards

Friday, March 10, 2023

- Contributed Papers

Sponsorship Opportunities and Exhibit Space Still Available!

Sponsorship opportunities are available at three separate levels: Silver (\$250), Gold (\$500), and Platinum (\$750). Or sponsor a meal, workshop, or other event. Reach out to Emily Latta (elatta@blm.gov) or Becky Williams (becky@uttws.com) to learn more!

Hotels



A limited number of special rate rooms are available from four different hotels located steps away from the convention center. Please ask for the ‘Colorado/Utah Wildlife Society’ room block when calling in to make your reservations. Or book online using the following links and codes. Book your reservation before the cut-off date of February 7, 2023, to get the special rate.

SpringHill Suites by Marriott TRU by Hilton
 1-970-424-5777 1-970-256-1000
 236 Main Street 243 Colorado Avenue
www.marriott.com/GJTSH www.grandjunctiondowntown.trubyhilton.com
 Online Group Booking Code: Online Booking Code:
 One King-CUWCUWA One King or Two Queens: CUW
 Two Queens- CUWCUWB

Fairfield Inn & Suites Hampton Inn
 1-970-242-2525 1-970-243-3222
 225 Main Street 205 Main Street
www.marriott.com/GJTFI www.grandjunction.hamptoninn.com
 Online Group Booking Code: Online Group Booking Code:
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Workshops

Wednesday March 8th is workshop day! We are excited to offer a number of interesting and valuable workshops, listed below.

Avian Field Biologist Workshop

Time: 7:00 – 11:40 Wednesday, March 8, 2023

Sponsor: Bird Conservancy of the Rockies

Description: Bird conservation begins with hundreds of devoted biologists conducting standardized avian point counts. This workshop will provide attendees the basic resources needed to join them and background information on how the Bird Conservancy of the Rockies conserves birds and their habitat. In this workshop attendees will learn about multi-species avian point-count protocol and rapid habitat assessment protocol. The workshop will include an outdoor field trip. Space is limited to just 24 participants. Attendees will need to bring binoculars, water, snacks, and suitable clothing.

Safety in the Field Workshop

Time: 8:00 – 12:00 Wednesday, March 8, 2023

Sponsor: CCTWS IDEA Committee

Description: This workshop is intended to provide useful information and insight into the unique challenges of field work for any wildlife professional. It will cover topics including mental and physical demands, potential hazards, property laws, equipment preparation, interpersonal conflict, and more. It will highlight the challenges of being a member of a marginalized community and how to navigate difficult or potentially unsafe situations relating to racism, sexual harassment, and other types of discrimination, as well as overcoming these issues while pursuing a wildlife career. This workshop is open to everyone, especially students and early career wildlife professionals who are preparing for seasonal positions or those in leadership positions seeking to provide well-structured support for their employees during the field season.

TWS Certification Workshop

Time: 8:00 – 10:00 Wednesday, March 8, 2023

Sponsor: Central Mountains and Plains Section

Description: This workshop is directed towards students and young professionals that would like to learn how to prepare applications for Associate and Certified Wildlife Biologist through The Wildlife Society. Join CMPS's TWS Certification Review Board Representative Dr. David Haukos for the latest information on how to apply for Certification through TWS. TWS supports the development and advancement of wildlife professionals throughout their careers. Certification constitutes recognition by TWS that, to its best knowledge, a member meets the minimum educational, experience, and ethical standards adopted by the Society for professional wildlife biologists. The workshop will consist of an hour-long presentation and question/answer session followed by one-on-one reviews of draft applications. Individual reviews will be limited to 25 attendees; please bring copies of a completed draft application and unofficial transcript for individual reviews. Certification will not be awarded at this workshop.

Federal Employment Workshop

Time: 10:00 – 12:00 Wednesday, March 8, 2023

Sponsor: Central Mountains and Plains Section

Description: Are you a student that wants to learn more about federal wildlife career options once you graduate? You will get the chance to learn about federal organizations that hire wildlife biologists including the Forest Service, the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the U.S. Department of the Interior. The workshop will be led by Wildlife Biologist Heidi Plank, who has

extensive experience in federal employment. Students will have the chance to learn about requirements for natural resource-related positions. Field staff personnel will also be there, providing advice regarding hiring practices, the importance of summer internships and more. Staff will also help participants develop a competitive profile for the [usajobs.gov](https://www.usajobs.gov) online application. Students, recent graduates, and their advisers are encouraged to attend.

Mapping Wildlife Movement in QGIS

Time: 8:00 – 12:00 Wednesday, March 8, 2023

Sponsor: Jessie Shapiro, Utah Chapter of The Wildlife Society

Description: This workshop introduces QGIS, an open-source GIS desktop software for viewing, editing, and managing spatial data. The workshop will cover basic tasks in QGIS for mapping wildlife movement data, including loading geospatial data, installing plugins, processing tools, and publishing a finished map. The session will also cover other open-source GIS options and resources. Participants must bring their own laptop with QGIS installed and have a basic understanding of GIS.

Wildlife Acoustics Workshop

Time: 1:00 - 5:00 Wednesday, March 8, 2023

Sponsor: Wildlife Acoustics

Description: Please join Wildlife Acoustics for a hands-on training session in bat bioacoustics tools. This is a rare training opportunity for researchers just starting or already involved in using acoustics to monitor bats. During this comprehensive session, Wildlife Acoustics' staff will host a hands-on workshop to teach participants the features and set up of the Song Meter SM4BAT, Song Meter Mini Bat, and Echo Meter Touch 2. Participants will also learn how Kaleidoscope Pro can be used to process large and small datasets to produce quantifiable outputs.

Women in Wildlife Celebration and Panel Discussion

Time: 1:00 – 5:00 Wednesday, March 8, 2023

Sponsor: CCTWS IDEA Committee

Volunteers Needed!

Receive 50% off registration as a volunteer. Email Nate Jones (nathan.jones@hdrinc.com) if you would like to volunteer at the 2023 annual meeting.