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# ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday February 28<sup>th</sup> – Thursday March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023  
Holiday Inn & Convention Center – Kearney, NE

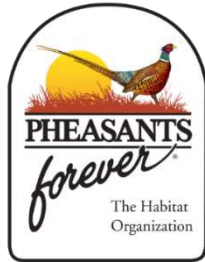
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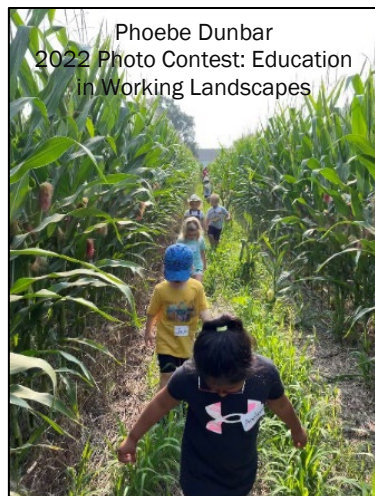
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## Tuesday, February 28th

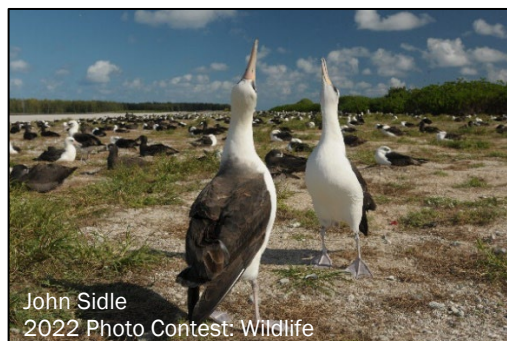
Time	Item
10:30 – 11:30 am	Late Registration and Check-In
11:30 – 1:00 pm	Lunch (included) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Presidents Welcome!</li> <li>▪ NETWS Members Meeting</li> </ul>
1:00 – 1:30 pm	Break
1:30 – 4:30 pm	Plenary <i>Looking at Lead (Ammunition): New Developments, Old Problems</i> Seth Swerczek - Hornaday Manufacturing Amanda Hegg - Iain Nicolson Audubon Center Bob Meduna - Nebraska Game and Parks Commission Chad Richardson - USDA Wildlife Services  <i>Big Initiatives on the Horizon – Impacts to Conservation in Nebraska</i> Dirac Twidwell – University of Nebraska Lincoln TJ Walker – Nebraska Game and Parks Commission Andy Bishop – Rainwater Basin Joint Venture Neil Dominy – Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Steve Fairbairn – U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Partners for Wildlife Barb Cooksley – Landowner / Rancher
4:30 – 6:30 pm	Dinner (on your own or make a new friend)
7:00 – 9:00 pm	<b>Social and Team Trivia!</b> Cunningham Journal on the Lake (610 Talmadge St., Suite A, Kearney NE)





## Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>

Time	Item
7:45 – 8:15 am	Late Registration and Check-In
8:00 – 8:10 am	Good Morning & Plan for the Day!
8:10 – 8:50 am	<b>Student Chapter Presentations (10 min each)</b> University of Nebraska – Kearney Chadron State College Wayne State College University of Nebraska – Lincoln
Student 'In-Progress' Presentations	
8:50 – 9:00 am	<b>Agricultural netting: an uncontrolled killing of birds in the central plains of Thailand</b>  <b>Rongrong Angkaew</b> (G. Gale and L. Powell) School of Bioresources & Technology King Mongkut's University of Technology Thonburi, Thailand
9:00 – 9:10 am	<b>Influence of virtual fence cues on heart rate response of cattle</b>  <b>Kaitlyn Dozler</b> (M. Stephenson and A. Little) School of Natural Resources University of Nebraska – Lincoln
9:10 – 9:20 am	<b>Understanding the constraints Nebraskan farmers and landowners face when choosing to adopt precision technologies</b>  <b>Corrin Winter</b> School of Natural Resources University of Nebraska – Lincoln
9:20 – 9:40 am	Break





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<b>Session 1 Contributed Talks</b>			
9:40 – 10:00 am	<p><b>Mountain lions in Nebraska</b></p> <p><b>Sam Wilson</b>            Furbearer/Carnivore Program Manager            Nebraska Game and Parks Commission</p>		
10:00 – 10:20 am	<p><b>The conservation status of three bat species in Nebraska</b></p> <p><b>Amanda Ciurej</b>            Fish and Wildlife Biologist            Nebraska Ecological Services Field Office            U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior Region 5</p>		
10:20 – 10:40 am	<p><b>Bats! An acoustical journey in Northwest Nebraska</b></p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td><b>Shelley Steffl</b> Wildlife Biologist Nebraska Game and Parks Commission</td> <td><b>Jacki Dailey</b> Wildlife Technician Nebraska National Forests &amp; Grasslands U.S. Forest Service</td> </tr> </table>	<b>Shelley Steffl</b> Wildlife Biologist Nebraska Game and Parks Commission	<b>Jacki Dailey</b> Wildlife Technician Nebraska National Forests & Grasslands U.S. Forest Service
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10:40 – 11:00 am	<p><b>Weathering the crowds: major problems faced by public and private-land waterfowl hunters across the united states</b></p> <p><b>Jade T. Wawers</b> (M. Vrtiska, M. Gruntorad, and C. Chizinski)            School of Natural Resources            University of Nebraska-Lincoln</p>		
11:00 – 11:20 am	<p><b>Cessation of mentors to waterfowl hunting</b></p> <p><b>Matthew Gruntorad</b> (M. Vrtiska and C. Chizinski)            School of Natural Resources            University of Nebraska-Lincoln</p>		
11:30 – 1:00 pm	<b>Student Professional Lunch</b> (provided with pre-registration)		



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<b>Session 2 Contributed Talks</b>			
1:00 – 1:20 pm	<p><b>Innovations in blowout penstemon habitat restoration</b></p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td><b>Greg Wright</b> Wildlife Biologist Nebraska National Forests &amp; Grasslands U.S. Forest Service</td> <td><b>Gerry Steinauer</b> Botanist Nebraska Game and Parks Commission</td> </tr> </table>	<b>Greg Wright</b> Wildlife Biologist Nebraska National Forests & Grasslands U.S. Forest Service	<b>Gerry Steinauer</b> Botanist Nebraska Game and Parks Commission
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1:20 – 1:40 pm	<p><b>Restored prairies and remnant prairies provide similar floral resources in central Nebraska</b></p> <p><b>Emma Greenlee</b> (C. Helzer) Hubbard Fellow Platte River Prairies The Nature Conservancy</p>		
1:40 – 2:00 pm	<p><b>Wetlands of Nebraska: an outreach and education project</b></p> <p><b>Ethan Freese</b> Producer Platte Basin Timelapse University of Nebraska-Lincoln</p>		
2:00 – 2:20 pm	<p><b>Collaborative reforestation of Western Nebraska</b></p> <p><b>Bryce Gerlach</b> Forester Nebraska Forest Service</p>		
2:20 – 2:40 pm	<p><b>Bordeaux creek, an updated story about connections</b></p> <p><b>Brett Roberg</b> (T. Huenemann, J. Jackson, and R. Arnold) Coolwater Streams Biologist-Fisheries Nebraska Game and Parks Commission</p>		
2:40 – 3:00 pm	Break		








Time	Item
C*Sci Lightning Talks	Sponsored by: 

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3:00 – 4:15 pm	Introduction to Session
	<b>Matt Jones</b> Nebraska Master Naturalists Community scientists of Nebraska network
	<b>Cody Dreier</b> Nebraska Game & Parks Commission Monarch & regal fritillary surveys
	<b>Ariel Dawdy</b> University of Nebraska – Lincoln Tick-Tag-Go
	<b>April Sperfslage</b> University of Nebraska – Omaha Nebraska wildlife watch (spotted skunks)
	<b>Kellie Hayden</b> Independent C*Scientist Bird Comm Sci in Nebraska
	<b>Han Li</b> University of Nebraska – Omaha Bat community science
	Panel Q&A

4:15 – 5:30 pm Social & Photo Contest Voting (Best in Show voting closes at 5:30 pm)

6:00 – 10:00 pm Banquet, Awards, & Auction

## Thursday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>

Time	Item
4:30 – 9:00 am	Crane Viewing Field Trip (pre-registration required) Sponsored by:    Iain Nicolson Audubon Center at Rowe Sanctuary
9:30 – 11:00 pm	NETWS Board AAR & Strategic Plan Review