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WILDLIFE TRACKS

A letter from the president

Greetings CCTWS Members! The CCTWS Board is in full meeting planning mode and we are excited to share the theme of our 2024 meeting – *Pathways to Success: Conserving At-Risk Wildlife in the American West*. While the title took us time to gin up, we always knew we wanted to focus on at-risk wildlife. By using the term ‘at-risk’ we hope to encompass every imperiled or potentially imperiled species, from those that are listed under the Endangered Species Act, those on a Forest Service, BLM, or state list, to those that are not currently special status, but are threatened by a variety of issues such as climate change or development. Ultimately, at-risk wildlife are the reason we do what we do - they represent the successes and failures of conservation.

While one at-risk species – the gray wolf – dominates Colorado’s media headlines and political discourse, this meeting will not focus entirely on wolves. We welcome any and all abstracts for consideration. More so, we welcome all points of view, as long as they are based on sound science. I want to take this opportunity to assure all our Members that the Abstract Review Committee and CCTWS Executive Board will make abstract acceptance decisions based on the quality of scientific rigor and we will aim to have a wide spectrum of topics and viewpoints. We also welcome all workshop proposals, but workshops generally have less editorial oversight by our Executive Board. Our goal is to make this a respectful and engaging meeting, with ample opportunities to engage in constructive dialogue with colleagues.

Our 2023 annual meeting was a huge success and we are planning to build off that success for next year. We plan to have all the usual networking events, banquets, auctions, and sessions with excellent and engaging speakers. We have shifted the meeting back to early February in hopes to better accommodate your schedules. More information can be found on the following pages and registration will open soon! We cannot wait to see you all again in Pueblo, February 7-9, 2024.

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THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY COLORADO CHAPTER EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS 2022

To view board meeting minutes, please visit wildlife.org/colorado/meetings

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President: Nate Jones

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THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY COLORADO CHAPTER COMMITTEES AND CHAIRS 2023

Standing Committees

Program/Annual Meeting	CCTWS Board
Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion	Patrick Magee
Legislation and Conservation Affairs	Katie Bradfish
Newsletter	Becky Burink
Nominations/Elections; Policy/Resolutions	Robin Russell
Professional Awards	Korby Mintken
Student Awards	Jeff Henderson
Membership	Courtney King
Conservation Review	Cassandra Holman
Small Grants and Travel Grants	Emily Latta
Web Page, Social Media (Marketing)	Aleshia Rummel
Professional Development Programs	<i>vacant</i>
Student Affairs and Mentoring	Katie Gray

Liasons

Historian	Danguole Bockus
Jim Olterman/Candace Taylor Investment Fund	Patrick Magee

CMPS

CMPS President	Stephanie Ferrero
CMPS Representative to TWS	Andrea Orabona
CCTWS Representative to CMPS	Mindy Rice



BOARD NOMINATIONS

Join the Board of the Colorado Chapter of The Wildlife Society!

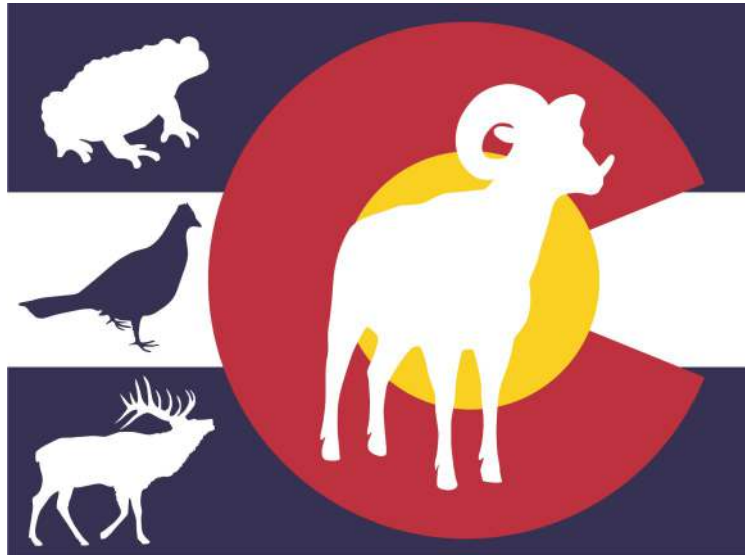
Nominations due
December 31, 2023

**Interested in running
for President-elect?
Please reach out to
President Nate Jones
nathan.jones@hrcinc.com**

We are looking for the next leaders in the wildlife field. Are you interested in broadening your network and developing meaningful relationships with other wildlife professionals? Do you want to give a little something back? Do you want to build or diversify your resume? Are you ready to serve something greater than yourself? If you answered yes to any of these questions, please consider running for President-Elect of the Colorado Chapter!

Board members are asked to attend monthly 90-minute board meetings and actively participate in one or more committees.

CHAPTER LOGO UPDATES



COLORADO CHAPTER
The Wildlife Society

Main logo



Social media profile logo

As you may have noticed on the previous two pages, the Colorado Chapter of the Wildlife Society now has two new updated logos!

The Board recently voted on several designs and chose these two logos as representative of our state of Colorado and the native wildlife here that we work to conserve and protect.

The Board would like to extend a special thank you to Jeff Burnett for designing our new logos.



FINANCIAL UPDATE

CCTWS Treasurer

Adam Behney
abehney@state.co.us

Account balances as of November 1, 2023

- Checking account — **\$5,127.34**
- Reserve Fund Money Market — **\$38,956.21**
- Savings Account — **\$502.84**
- PayPal Account — **\$81.63**
- CCTWS Target Reserve for 20223— **\$38,706.11** (Reserve Fund)

November 2023 Treasurers Report

October 5—November 1, 2023

- No expenses this month
- Accrued \$32.92 in interest from Money Market and savings accounts
- Received \$1,186.63 in membership dues

Previous reports

August 2023 Treasurers Report

July 7—August 2, 2023

- Incurred a \$20 per month bank fee from Bank of the West for our business account
- Paid \$139.85 for lunch at the in-person board meeting
- Accrued \$78.47 in interest from Money Market account



ANNUAL MEETING

The theme of next year's annual meeting is *Pathways to Success: Conserving At-Risk Wildlife in the American West*

Schedule At A Glance (Tentative and Subject to Change)

Wednesday, February 7, 2024

- Avian Point Count Workshop
- Wolf Management Workshop
- Wildlife Acoustics Workshop
- And more workshops!
- Opening Reception

Thursday, February 8, 2024

- Student-Professional Networking Breakfast
- Plenary Speaker
- Symposium
- Business Meetings and Lunch
- Concurrent Sessions
- Poster Session
- Banquet, Auction, Annual Awards, and Keynote Address

Friday, February 9, 2024

- Plenary Speaker
- Concurrent Sessions
- Ignite Session
- Photo Contest Winners
- Presentation Awards

Full agenda coming soon!

Date

February 7-9, 2024

Location

Pueblo, CO

Venue

Pueblo Convention
Center

**Abstracts are now
accepted on our
website**

wildlife.org/colorado/



CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

EXTENDED ABSTRACT SUBMISSION DEADLINE

November 17, 2023

Instructions for submission

1. Download and complete the fillable abstract submission PDF available at wildlife.org/colorado/meetings/annual-meeting/
2. Include abstracts and all required information as Microsoft Word attachment.

Submit these two documents to Marcella Tarantino at

marcella.tarantino@birdconservancy.org

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION DEADLINE EXTENDED!

This year's annual conference will include traditional oral presentations (20 minutes), IGNITE presentations, and posters. We invite you to present an oral presentation or poster on the topics of wildlife research, ecology, management, conservation, education, or policy at the 2024 annual meeting. All topics are welcome, and we strongly encourage students to present. All student presentations will be considered for the "best presentation" awards, which will include a gift certificate and recognition at the end of the conference.

Traditional oral presentation: 20 minutes allotted for each presentation: 15-18 minutes for presentations, followed by 2-5 minutes for a Q&A. Oral presentations are limited to Microsoft Powerpoint or Adobe PDFs. No other formats will be accepted. Presentations must be uploaded at the beginning of the session in which you will present.

Poster presentations: Maximum dimensions are 4'x4' in size. Easels will be provided. There will be a formal poster session before the banquet, allowing presenters more time to discuss their work with conference attendees. Attendance at the poster session is required for presenters.

IGNITE presentations: These "To the point" sessions have been an exciting staple in recent conferences and provide a great platform for members to quickly share updates and information that do not require full oral presentations. IGNITE-style talks include automated slide progression condensing the talks to five minutes. Talks can be funny, inspirational, or informative, but should all strive to be engaging and entertaining.



PHOTO CONTEST

Submission deadline

February 8, 2024

Instructions for submission

Provide the following information with your photo submission, due at registration. Bring with you a printed 8"x11" copy of your photograph to the registration table at the annual meeting.

Email any questions to Marcella Tarantino at:

marcella.tarantino
@birdconservancy.org.

We invite you to submit a photograph at the 2024 Annual Meeting to be judged by popular vote. Photographs can be from work or recreation and categories include:

- Amphibians, Reptiles, and Fish
- Birds
- Invertebrates
- Mammals
- Game Camera
- Human Dimensions
- Landscapes and Still Life (including flora)
- Creative/Comedic

Information to include at submission:

- Photographer name
- Contact information, including email address, physical address, and phone number
- Photograph information, including title, scientific name of subject, description, and whether the photo is edited
- Category
- Is the subject a captive animal or cultivated plant?
- Does the photograph adhere to ethical field practices as outlined by the North American Nature Photography Association Standards found at nanpa.org/advocacy/ethics/?
- Does the photographer agree to have their photograph posted on a virtual contest through Google Forms?
- Does the photographer agree to allow winning photographs to be posted to the CCTWS Facebook page? (not required for participation or consideration)



PROFESSIONAL AWARDS

Take time today to recognize an outstanding wildlife professional by nominating them for a CCTWS professional award. Don't wait until the last minute!

The CCTWS Professional Awards Committee will consider nominations in the following categories:

Professional Achievement in Wildlife Science
(Douglas L. Gilbert)

Professional Achievement in Wildlife Management
(Jim Olterman)

Professional Achievement in Wildlife Administration
Professional Achievement in Wildlife Habitat Management

Professional Achievement in Wildlife Research
Professional Achievement in Education

Professional Achievement in Law Enforcement
Distinguished Service to CCTWS

Distinguished Service in Wildlife Science
Lifetime Achievement in Wildlife Science

...and more!

Nominations due

February 3, 2023

Nominating is easy!

Simply provide the name, position/title, and email address of the person you are nominating, plus no more than one-page description of why they deserve a professional award.

Submit nominations to

Korby Mintken
kmintken@corvusenv.com

For more details, visit

wildlife.org/colorado/
awards



JIM OLTERMAN SCHOLARSHIP

The Colorado Chapter of the Wildlife Society (CCTWS), in cooperation with Robin Olterman, are requesting applications for the 2024 Jim Olterman Scholarship Award, to honor Jim and his contributions to Colorado's wildlife legacy.

Application deadline

January 5, 2024

Scholarship award

At least \$1,500, a commemorative plaque, and recognition at the 2024 Annual Conference

Send applications to

Jeff Henderson (Jim Olterman Scholarship)
Colorado Chapter of the Wildlife Society
henderson@pinyon-env.com

Questions?

Email Jeff Henderson

The Jim Olterman Scholarship Award is offered annually to encourage and support an upper-level Colorado college student in the pursuit of a career in wildlife biology and management.

Jim Olterman, a Colorado Division of Wildlife Senior Terrestrial Biologist and pilot, died in a plane crash on September 4, 2002, while conducting aerial fish stocking operations in the Sangre de Cristo Mountains in southeastern Colorado. During the crash, Jim's actions saved the life of a CPW hatchery technician flying with him.

Jim was born and raised in Kingsport, Tennessee where he gained a deep appreciation for the outdoors in general and wildlife in particular while hunting, fishing and exploring the backwoods of his aunt's farm. In 1964, Jim headed west to enroll at Colorado State University where he received his Bachelor's Degree in Wildlife Biology. In 1968, he joined the U.S. Army and later left the service as a decorated Vietnam Veteran. During his early years in the army, Jim learned to fly and flying quickly became one of the great passions of his life. After his time in the service, Jim received a Master's in Wildlife Science from Oregon State University. (continued on following pages)



JIM OLTERMAN SCHOLARSHIP

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Jim led a spectacular career of 30 years in the CPW. Starting our as a District Wildlife Manager in 1972 he successively assumed the positions of Wildlife Biologist in Montrose, Senior Terrestrial Biologist in the Southwest Region, and finally Senior Terrestrial Biologist for the western slope. He was also a fully commissioned peace officer and a Division pilot frequently flying survey, radio tracking, stocking, transport and law enforcement operations for the agency. Jim played an integral role in bringing desert bighorn sheep into Colorado, and moose, lynx and game birds into the southwestern part of the state. He was also an active supporter of the Colorado Chapter of The Wildlife Society and the parent organization, The Wildlife Society. He served on the CCTWS Executive Board in 1979 and 1980 and encouraged his colleagues and employees to be active members of this and other professional organizations.

Jim's main passions in life were the wildlife resources, fishing, flying and above all, his family: daughters Lara and Sally, son Tandy and his wife Robin. Robin claims that no one "new" rode in Jim's plane without hearing of his family. Shortly after his death, Sally gave birth to a daughter: Abigail James.

Rick Kahn, CPW Wildlife Management Supervisor, a colleague and close friend of Jim's, once stated so well: *"Jim was proud to live in Colorado, proud to be a wildlife biologist in this great state and proud to be part of the wildlife family. He was an inspiration to many who knew him. He was passionate about the resource and the people who appreciate it. Jim Olterman epitomized the professional wildlife biologist; he lost his life while doing the job he truly loved."*

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Colorado Chapter of the Wildlife Society
henderson@pinyon-env.com

Questions?

Email Jeff Henderson

You must meet the following criteria to be considered for the Jim Olterman Scholarship Award

- You must be a member of either The Wildlife Society or the Colorado Chapter of The Wildlife Society. (You may submit a membership form with payment to the Colorado Chapter of TWS when submitting your scholarship application if you are not currently a member. Please see attached membership application)
- By December 2023, you must have completed two-thirds of the credits required for graduation with a Bachelors Degree in Wildlife Biology or Management or a related natural resource field

The application must consist of the following materials

- A current resume
- A current transcript (unofficial transcripts are acceptable) indicating your current number of credits and grade point average.
- Two letters of reference. One reference shall be from a professor familiar with your academic capabilities and accomplishments. The second reference shall be from a supervisor whom you worked for in a natural resources-related position (volunteer work is acceptable).
- A short essay (1-2 pages in length) describing (1) your interests in the biological field, (2) your career goals and how they relate to wildlife management, and (3) how you would use the award to further your professional development.

Scholarship applications must be submitted electronically.



ALLEN ANDERSON AWARD

The Colorado Chapter of the Wildlife Society (CCTWS) is seeking nominations for the Allen Anderson Outstanding Wildlife Student of the Year award, which recognizes an outstanding undergraduate student at a Colorado college or university.

Any undergraduate student is eligible to receive the award; preference will be given to students in wildlife and wildlife related programs. Any professional may nominate students. The student's transcripts and resume are required as part of the submission materials, which may necessitate involvement of the student in the nomination process. Nominations will be evaluated with respect to academic excellence, applied wildlife-related experience, and extracurricular activities.

The nomination must consist of the following materials

- A current transcript of all completed coursework (unofficial transcripts are acceptable)
- A resume describing the student's extracurricular wildlife-related activities, including employment, volunteer work, participation and service in wildlife-related organizations, or self-directed activities. The resume should include an email address, mailing address, and telephone number.
- Two letters of recommendation from individuals familiar with the student's wildlife activities.

Incomplete applications will be rejected.

Scholarship applications must be submitted electronically.

Nominations due

January 5, 2024

Award

Personalized award plaque, inclusion on a traveling perpetual plaque (which will be displayed at the student's educational institution for one year), and a wildlife-related book that CCTWS will select, and recognition at the 2024 CCTWS Annual meeting

Send nominations to

Jeff Henderson (Allen Anderson Award)
Colorado Chapter of the Wildlife Society
henderson@pinyon-env.com

Questions?

Email Jeff Henderson



SMALL GRANTS

Proposal submission deadline

November 13, 2023

Grants will be awarded

December 8, 2023

Winners are encouraged to present their projects at winter CCTWS meetings!

Email applications as a Word document or PDF to

Emily Latta
elatta@blm.gov

For more details, visit
wildlife.org/colorado/small-grants/

The Colorado Chapter of the Wildlife Society is now accepting applications for its Spring Small Grants Program. The purpose of the CCTWS Small Grants Program is to encourage projects that promote the wise management and conservation of wildlife in Colorado.

One grant for \$1000 will be awarded to a research and management project or one grant will be awarded to an education project. The chapter is accepting applications from both members and student members of the chapter. Student applications must have a letter from their sponsor or faculty advisor authorizing the work. The faculty letter must be included in the application.

A written proposal should not exceed 2 single-spaced typewritten pages. Text must include contact information, title, a statement of purpose, project objectives, methods, location, target audience, project duration, and benefits to wildlife in Colorado.

The grant may be used for travel (within Colorado) to/from study sites, subsistence (overnight stay) while in the field, equipment and supplies. Salaries and administrative overhead expenses are ineligible. Durable field goods, such as cameras, computers, GPS units, or surveying equipment purchased as a part of the grant award, will become property of the agency/business or university/faculty advisor identified in the letter of support.



TRAVEL GRANT RECIPIENTS

Congratulations to the recipients of our Fall 2023 Travel Grants!

Timothy Andrews is a current graduate student at Western Colorado University.

Amanda Aulenbach is a recent master's degree graduate from Western Colorado University.

Tony Gurzick is a retiree from Colorado Parks and Wildlife, a Certified Wildlife Biologist, and past-president of the Colorado Chapter of the Wildlife Society.

The travel grant recipients will be using their grant money to offset the costs of attending The Wildlife Society's 2023 Annual Meeting in Louisville, Kentucky.

Due to our record-levels of attendance at this year's Annual Meeting in Grand Junction, the Colorado Chapter was able to increase the yearly allowance for travel grants and provide more opportunities for financial assistance for out members.

Reward amounts

Timothy Andrews—\$500

Amanda Aulenbach—\$250

Tony Gurzick—\$250



CMPS UPDATES

Central Mountains and Plains Section of The Wildlife Society

2024 CMPS Joint Annual Meeting with the South Dakota TWS Chapter
March 20-22, 2024

Location

Rapid City, SD

Venue

Ramkota Hotel and Conference Center

Ideas or comments for updates? Send them to
president@cmps-tws.org

For more details, visit
wildlife.org/cmp/

CMPS elected Rick Warhurst (ND) and re-elected Heidi Plank (CO) as Board Members At-Large. Embere Hall (WY) was elected President-Elect. The Vice-President position appointment will be announced soon. Learn more about the CMPS officers and <https://wildlife.org/cmp/officers/>.

CMPS awarded 6 Wayne Sandfort Student Travel Grants of over \$1,700 total to the TWS Annual Meeting in Louisville. One of these awards was given to a student in Colorado. CMPS received a large number of highly qualified applicants but was only able to fund a few.

Rick Warhurst (ND) received the only 2023 TWS Distinguished Service Award for his significant contributions to waterfowl and wetland conservation during 50+ years with TWS. Rick's nomination was put forward by wildlife professionals in CMPS.

If you have any questions or comments about your Central Mountains and Plains Section, please contact the CCTWS Liaison to CMPS, Mindy Rice.



THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY COLORADO CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Become a TWS member: **wildlife.org**

Become a CCTWS member **wildlife.org/colorado**

1 Year Student Membership: \$10

1 Year Regular Membership: \$20

2 Year Regular Membership: \$35

3 Year Regular Membership: \$45

Colorado Chapter of the Wildlife Society—Membership Application

Name: _____

Street address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP code: _____

Work phone: _____ Personal phone: _____

Email address: _____

Today's date: _____

Affiliation: _____

Are you interested in committee work? Yes No

Are you a TWS Certified Biologist? Yes No

Area of expertise/interest: _____

Membership (circle one): 1 year (student) 1 year 2 year 3 year

Credit card number (MasterCard or VISA): _____ Expiration date: _____

Signature: _____

Scan and email to Adam Behney at adam.behney@state.co.us