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## A letter from the president

Dear Members,

Spring is approaching if not here already and believe it or not we are starting to plan our next annual meeting! Our meeting in Pueblo was a success. We had approximately 170 people attending. Our agenda included sessions on at-risk species in Colorado and wolves, as well as many contributed talks on migratory birds and other topics. Additionally, we had numerous student presentations including posters and talks, a meeting of student chapters, and participation in the student presentation contest. Our guest speakers Sara Oyler-McCance (Research Scientist, USGS) and Jeff Davis (Director, CPW) helped bring the sessions together with discussions of species conservation issues. Meeting highlights included our military veteran guest speakers who were organized and invited by our IDEA committee.

As we begin a new cycle of board members (including Emily McCall and Jack Grider) our priorities for this next year in addition to the annual meeting include updating our website, increasing our volunteer opportunities for our student members, improving our social media, and working on our sponsor/donor networks. As always, any assistance is welcome!

I look forward to the next year working with President Elect Casey Setash (CPW) and Past President Nathan Jones (HRDC) to bring you the best of the best of Colorado Chapter of the Wildlife Society.

Robin Russell, President



# THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY COLORADO CHAPTER EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS 2024

To view board meeting minutes, please visit [wildlife.org/colorado/meetings](https://wildlife.org/colorado/meetings)

## **Officers**

President: Robin Russell

Past-President: Nate Jones

President-Elect: Casey Setash

Treasurer: Adam Behney

Secretary: Mark Fletcher

## **Executive Board: Regional**

NE Representative: vacant

NW Representative: Kathy Griffin

SE Representative: Mary Hiney

SW Representative: Marcella Tarantino

## **Executive Board: At-Large**

Emily Latta

Erin Bailey

Courtney King

Emily McCall

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# FINANCIAL REPORT

**Expenses total**  
\$0

**Income total**  
\$82.96

**Balance total**  
\$63,624.43

## **March 9 through April 5, 2023 CCTWS Treasurer's Report**

### **Expenses**

- None

### **Income**

- \$50 for t-shirts
- 32.96 interest income

### **Balances as of March 31, 2024**

- Checking account: \$24,003.88
- Reserve Fund Money Market: \$39,117.69
- Savings Account: \$502.86
- Jim Olterman Scholarship investment account (Edward Jones): \$64, 199.81



# ANNUAL MEETING RECAP

## **Pathways to Success: Conserving At-risk Wildlife in the American West**

This year's annual meeting was a great success, bringing in over 150 wildlife professionals and students from Colorado for an opportunity to network and learn from one another.

The meeting included workshops, a symposium on Sensitive Species Conservation and Management in Colorado, a keynote address from Colorado Parks and Wildlife Director Jeff Davis, a student networking breakfast, plenary sessions of sensitive species conservation case studies with a plenary address from Dr. Sara Oyler-McCance on the use of molecular tools for endangered species management, a discussion on wolf ecology and wolf reintroduction in the state, and IGNITE, contributed paper, and poster sessions. Hosted in the Home of Heroes, veterans Jonathan Hicks and Lacey Sprouse shared their stories and honored military veterans in the wildlife profession,

The board would like to thank all of the Colorado members who joined us for the annual meeting for making it such a great success. And for those who were unable to attend this year—we hope to see you in 2025!

## **Contributed Papers**

10

## **Posters**

11

## **Case Studies**

6

## **Awards**

2

## **Wolf Talks**

7

## **IGNITE Sessions**

3



# STUDENT AWARD WINNERS

## **Congratulations**

Daniel Rice  
Colorado State University  
Fish, Wildlife, and  
Conservation Biology, B.S.  
with wildlife biology  
emphasis

## **Daniel Rice—Allen Anderson Award Winner**

Experience highlights:

- Numerous technical and volunteer experiences: CSU, CPW, Bird Conservancy of the Rockies, AmeriCorps, USFS, nature sanctuaries and conservancies
- Past-president of the CSU student chapter of TWS
- Helped create three new board positions
- First place in the National BioBlitz competition at the National TWS meeting

## **Congratulations**

Cameron Sanders  
Colorado State University  
Fish, Wildlife, and  
Conservation Biology, B.S.  
with wildlife biology  
emphasis

## **Cameron Sanders—Jim Olterman Scholarship Recipient**

Experience highlights:

- Summer abroad in Kenya studying elephant ecology and conservation
- President of the CSU student chapter of TWS
- Founder and President of Brophy College Preparatory Zoology Club
- Will be starting a position in Dr. George Wittemyer's lab studying COVID in deer

Congratulations, Daniel and Cameron!

# STUDENT CHAPTER UPDATES

## CSU Pueblo

The CSU Pueblo student chapter attended the CCTWS annual meeting in Pueblo, and has held several events for its members, including a resume and cover letter workshop, walleye spawn volunteer day, and a tour of the National Eagle and Wildlife Repository.

Upcoming events include a federal application process workshop and participation in the Great American Cleanup.





# WESTERN COLORADO UNIVERSITY

This past year for the Western Colorado University Student Chapter of the Wildlife Society was a wild one! Our lineup of student chapter officers was Annate'a Saylor, our Student Chapter president, Erik Rathmann as vice president, Amanda Aulenbach as secretary, Lauren Hirsch as historian and Caleb Lindahl as treasurer.

Our first meeting was a workshop where we learned how to use the seeds from local wild Brassicaceae flowers to make our own mustard. Other popular workshops following that semester include a quinzhee building workshop, a wildlife snow tracking workshop, a citizen science workshop on caribou collar tracking, and an aqua scaping workshop.

The new, and current officers of our student chapter include Erik Rathmann as Student Chapter president, Caleb Park as vice president, Timothy Andrews as secretary and Anders Covey as both the historian and the treasurer. Traditionally, we started our semester with our first meeting with a hike to the water towers right behind our campus and learned some history of the local land. Throughout the semester, we held workshops such as creating and learning how to use an iNaturalist account, how to set up camera traps, and learning a bit about local tree diseases and harmful insects managed by the US Forest Service. Some of our more active meetings included a beaver watching hike and a fall colors hike.

From November 4<sup>th</sup> to the 11<sup>th</sup>, our student chapter gathered nine students to Louisville, Kentucky for the annual national Wildlife Society Conference. These conferences are an amazing way for our students to leave the comforts of our small town for a bit and learn from professionals in the field and network with them.

It was an amazing and successful year for our student chapter, and we already have some new ideas brewing for this new spring semester, such as community designed wildlife stickers, track casting, and even helping to host a free hunters education program for students with Colorado Parks and Wildlife.

See the next pages for Western's annual recap for the 2024 Annual Meeting!

# Western Colorado University

Wildlife Society Student Chapter







Join Western Wildlife Society  
and our Guest...

# ERICA, THE WILD FOOD GIRL!

WE WILL BE LEARNING TO MAKE **MUSTARD** FROM  
WILD MUSTARD SEEDS!

Tuesday, Jan 17th at 7:00pm in Hurst 137



Instagram: @Western\_Wildlife\_Society



*Western Wildlife Society  
Presents...*

## *Aquariums and Terrariums; The World of Aquascaping*

Workshop presentation, by TWS President,  
Annate'a Saylor  
Tuesday, April 11th, Hurst 137











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# THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

**The Wildlife Society's 31st Annual Conference will be held October 19-23, 2024 in Baltimore, Maryland.**

For more information, visit:  
<https://twconference.org/>.



## **Date**

October 19-23, 2024

## **Location**

The Hilton Baltimore Inner Harbor Hotel  
Baltimore, MD

## **Abstract submission deadline**

May 3, 2024

## **Submit abstracts for**

Posters  
Presentations  
Student research in progress posters





# CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

**Beginning in 2024, the CCTWS Newsletter will be distributed bi-annually.**

We would like to include submissions from members in the October 2024 Newsletter. If you have any of the following that you would like to be included for distribution, please send them to Newsletter Chair Becky Burink at [burink@pinyon-env.com](mailto:burink@pinyon-env.com):

- On-the-job/research photos
- Networking/professional events
- Job, internship, or volunteer opportunities
- Graduation announcements
- Member highlights of outstanding wildlife professionals
- Current research



# 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@state.co.us**