

**>>> OHIO CHAPTER OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY <<<**

# **OCTWS WINTER NEWSLETTER**



Young buck in a snowfall  
David Goldstein, Ohio Photographer

## **THIS SEASON'S HIGHLIGHTS**

**February 2025**

### **OWMA CONFERENCE**

**HIGHLIGHTS FROM THIS  
YEAR'S WORKSHOP &  
CONFERENCE!**

### **>>> READ MORE**

On January 17, hundreds of wildlife professionals representing dozens of organizations attended the Ohio Wildlife Management Association's Conference. From the preceding OCTWS workshop, to the annual OCTWS meeting, to fascinating wildlife talks, jump to pages 7-8 to read all about this year's highlights.



## **WELCOME TO THE TEAM! <<<**

As the OCTWS election comes to an end, we are thrilled to welcome Annalise Bokenkamp and Jesse Sockman to your OCTWS leadership! Not only are these two individuals highly qualified for their roles, but they also bring new backgrounds and insights as they represent academia (Jesse) and the non-profit sectors (Annalise). Read more about our newest Treasurer and President-Elect on page 5.

## **OCTWS ELECTION YEAR**

**MEET OUR NEWEST TREASURER  
AND PRESIDENT-ELECT**



## WHAT IS THE OCTWS?

The Ohio Chapter is a recognized state unit of its parent, international organization, The Wildlife Society (TWS). Although an independent unit, the Chapter adheres to the purposes and guidelines of TWS. The Chapter's programs, activities, and positions dealing with the broad range of wildlife species, their habitats, and especially their various interactions with people, are developed and approved by the Chapter's membership and/or its Governing Board. The welfare of wildlife resources, in keeping with adopted principles and acceptable actions of those charged with their responsibilities, is the main purpose of the Chapter's membership. Membership is open to anyone of adult age who complies with the above and is in good standing with regard to payment of annual dues or other approved obligations.



Piebald white-tailed doe at  
Daniel's Peace Memorial Park  
Rick Baumann, Rick's Pix



Blue Jay,  
Ashley Smith, OCTWS Member

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## A (FINAL) NOTE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Your OCTWS board is made up of members who serve 2-year terms in their respective positions. In February of 2025, we elected a new President-Elect, and former President-Elect Becky Crow transitioned to President. As our President becomes Past-President, she reflects on her years of service on the board:



### Dear Ohio Chapter Members,

When I joined the Ohio Chapter of the Wildlife Society Board four years ago and discovered (to my surprise) that each term lasted, not one, but two years, then-President Renee Buck emphatically ensured me that the time would fly. Can't say I believed her then but it turns out she was right! I think the other Board members had something to do with it though.

Spending an hour a month with such awesome wildlife professionals (Grace Dietsch, Gabe Karns, Renee Buck, Katie Dennison, Lisa Zoromski, Kayla Ferdelman, and Becky Crow) was never a chore. I want to thank all former board members for their time and dedication to this organization and our profession, getting OCTWS where we are today. And a huge thank you to every single OCTWS member, past and present, for contributing in whatever way you could, whether it was simply paying dues, attending a workshop, or participating on a committee.

It has been a pleasure serving OCTWS as President for the last two years and, despite my initial trepidation, I fully encourage everyone to consider a Board position. Don't worry, I promise the time will fly!

Thank you for your continued dedication and passion. Together, we are making a difference.

### Erin Hazelton

Imminent Past-President, Ohio Chapter of The Wildlife Society





# A NOTE FROM THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

**On February 19th, 2025, our parent chapter, The Wildlife Society, sent the following email to all Wildlife Society members. Below is the email and words of our TWS president and chief executive officer (with the removal of details for an upcoming event that has already occurred). Your OCTWS and TWS community stands with our federal and environmental workers.**

TWS members,

As most of you know, many federal workers in the wildlife profession are now unemployed and many more may soon suffer this same fate. These terminations of federal employees, and any to follow, deeply concern us at TWS.

While we understand the need to audit federal agencies, their budgets and work, any such efforts should follow credible, legal and transparent processes. This, however, is not what has happened, and these employees were fired without cause, due process or decency.

The targeting of federal employees with probationary status is especially troubling and unduly impacts early-career professionals—the next generation beginning their careers in wildlife conservation. But that probationary status also extends to many mid-career professionals that recently switched jobs. Many long-time federal employees who did not accept the early buyout offer may too be at risk.

Indeed, the very foundation of wildlife conservation rests on sound science to inform decisions and a strong workforce of professionals to ensure sustainability and enjoyment of wildlife for all. These ideals are not recent to TWS but have been part of the bedrock of our professional society since its founding (see Bennitt et al. 1937. JWM 1:1-2.). In addition to the devastating impacts on those losing their jobs, so too will be the fallout effects of these actions on wildlife monitoring and research, habitat management and restoration, planning and permitting activities, managing invasive species, education, and the overall ability to adequately manage our public lands and trust resources.

We want our federal workforce and members to know that you are valued and appreciated for your service to wildlife conservation, and you are an important part of our TWS community. We will advocate for you and all wildlife professionals now and into the future.

TWS already has begun working with other professional societies and partner organizations, and we are conducting outreach to Administration and Congressional officials highlighting the importance of our federal workforce to the system of conservation that wildlife and all citizens benefit from. We will continue to advocate for our professionals through policy actions in coordination with partners and TWS' Conservation Affairs Network. Communicating individual stories to members, political leaders and the public will be put into action as well.

We realize this situation has created undue economic stress and uncertainty for our members subjected to these terminations. As a seemingly small yet sincere gesture, if you are a federal employee that lost your job as part of recent administrative actions, TWS will be happy to extend your current membership by six months, free of charge. If you know other wildlifers in federal service that were impacted but are not current TWS members, we will offer them a free six-month membership as well. Those wishing to take advantage of this offer can email [membership@wildlife.org](mailto:membership@wildlife.org) for more information.

Many of you will be seeking new employment opportunities, and we want to do all we can to help keep you in the profession and achieve success. We encourage folks to watch our Job Board and sign up for notices of new positions. We also plan to highlight opportunities available from our partner organizations like the National Wildlife Turkey Federation, Pheasants Forever, the National Association of University Fisheries and Wildlife Programs and others in TWS Weekly.

For those of you interested in expressing your support for our federal colleagues, please consider writing an opinion editorial or call/write your Congressional members. You can find tips for getting in touch with your states' Congressional members in our Policy Toolkit.

Finally, to the rest of our community of TWS members—please make a point to check in with your federal colleagues and friends in federal agencies and let them know you and our community stand with them. We are sure they will appreciate these connections.

Sincerely,

Art Rodgers, PhD  
TWS President

Ed Arnett, PhD, Certified Wildlife Biologist®  
TWS Chief Executive Officer



# WELCOME TO THE TEAM!

On February 20, 2025, our newest board members were officially elected into leadership with the OCTWS! We are thrilled to have their skills, talents, and experiences on the team. As the past board was made up of exclusively ODNR and Parks/Recreation professionals, we are pleased to welcome academic and non-profit backgrounds to leadership with the Ohio Chapter!

## Meet your new President-Elect:



Jesse Sockman has worked as the Amphibian and Reptile Conservation Researcher for the Ohio Biodiversity Conservation Partnership (between OSU and ODNR) for four years.

Some notable facts about Jesse include:

- Jesse grew up in Ashtabula County, Ohio.
- Jesse attended graduate school at Eastern Kentucky University, concurrently working with Daniel Boone National Forest.
- While working with Daniel Boone, Jesse studied interactions between eastern copperheads and annual cicadas.

**As President-Elect, Jesse will serve a 6-year term, (2 years as Elect, 2 years as President, and 2 years as Past-President) supporting and guiding the OCTWS.**

## Meet your new Treasurer:



Annalise has served as a full-time Research Assistant for the Black Swamp Bird Observatory since 2023, helping run the infamous BSBO banding station and running the gift shop.

Some notable facts about Annalise include:

- Annalise grew up in Loudonville, Ohio.
- She received her graduate degree in wildlife biology while studying in Scotland.
- Annalise banded birds in the UK, bringing her experiences back to Ohio in 2019 and serving as a volunteer as BSBO, then a seasonal field tech before being hired full-time.

**As Treasurer, Annalise will serve a 2-year term managing OCTWS membership and budgets.**

## Join the By-laws Committee:

Want to get involved but can't commit to a leadership position? We need help reviewing our OCTWS by-laws! Our By-laws Committee is dedicated to reviewing, editing, and improving the by-laws. Those with an administrative and/or law background, or are just overall great with attention to detail would be encouraged to take part.

Interested in joining the By-laws Committee? Email **ohiowildlife@hotmail.com** today! No deadline, but the sooner the better as this is an on-going project.





## MEMBER OPPORTUNITIES

**So- you're a member of the Ohio Chapter of the Wildlife Society, but aren't on the board or serving on a committee. What is there to do for regular members? Let's dive into Membership Opportunities!**

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### Attend a Meeting:

Did you know: When your board meets, these meetings are open to all members to attend! Meetings are always virtual and occur on the 3rd Thursday of every month from 1:00 - 2:00pm.

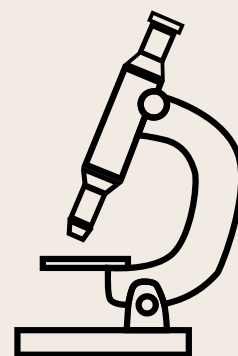
Our next meeting will be on Thursday, March 20th. Want to attend? Email [ohiowildlife@hotmail.com](mailto:ohiowildlife@hotmail.com) for the meeting link!

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### Attend a Workshop:

Beyond our Annual Workshop, which always occurs in proximity to the Annual Conference in January, we also try to hold smaller workshops throughout the season. These workshops can be lectures, field opportunities, tours, demos and more. Invites are sent out by email.

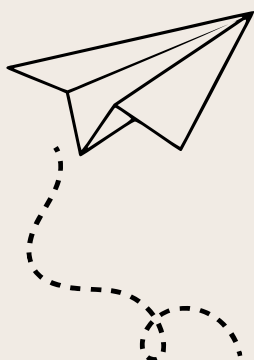
Do you have a research, organization or skill to share with members? Let us know! We would love to invite members to host workshops.



### Share Info:

Are you hiring? Need volunteers? Hosting an exciting wildlife event? Holding an info session? Let members know! We are always happy to share events, job openings, volunteerism and more.

Opportunities we share can be found in your email inbox, in our seasonal newsletters, or on our social media. Want to give us info to blast out? Email [ohiowildlife@hotmail.com](mailto:ohiowildlife@hotmail.com) or message us on social media!







# HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE ANNUAL OCTWS WORKSHOP AND MEETING

**January 2025**

Watters Aquatic Conservation Center  
Nationwide & Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center

Between January 16-17th, the OCTWS had our busiest week of the year with our annual workshop, annual meeting, and attendance of the Ohio Wildlife Management Association conference! During this time, we were thrilled to meet new members, experience incredible presentations, and catch up with those that have been part of the OCTWS for a while.

## Annual Workshop

It all started at the Watters Aquatic Conservation Center with our annual workshop on January 16th, 2025. During the workshop, OCTWS members sat in on informative lectures and toured this unique facility with major roles in Ohio's mussel conservation! Our members then observed a conservation working dog demonstration by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources! Both opportunities gave members the chance to observe Ohio's strides in conservation of ecological systems and wildlife.



Mussels displayed at The Watters Aquatic Conservation Center

## OCTWS Annual Meeting

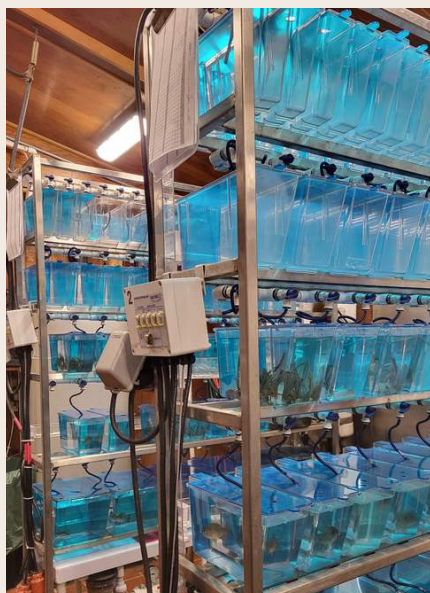
The following morning, our annual OCTWS meeting at the Nationwide & Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center was a great success with 25 members in attendance. The board shared updates on OCTWS business as well as student chapters, discussed current and upcoming news, and introduced our candidates for this year's election to the board.



OCTWS members attending a lecture at the Watters Aquatic Conservation Center



The OCTWS Annual Meeting on January 17th, 2025



OCTWS members toured the laboratories of The Watters Aquatic Conservation Center



ODNR Wildlife Officer Josh Elster and Conservation Working Dog, Mila performing a demonstration

## Ohio Wildlife Management Association Conference

Following our OCTWS Annual Meeting, many of our members stayed to attend the Ohio Wildlife Management Association's (OWMA) annual conference at the Nationwide & Ohio Farm Bureau 4H Center. This year's conference theme was 'Quality Habitat, Quality Wildlife'.

Hundreds of wildlife students and professionals attended lectures by researchers and organizations making breakthroughs in wildlife science, conservation and management. Among many professional speakers, we were thrilled to listen as OCTWS President-Elect, (now-President) Becky Crow shared her findings on opportunities for biodiversity on solar fields. Additionally, 11 university students presented research posters throughout the conference.

Below is a list of all of the incredible lectures we attended. Thank you to the OWMA team for this conference experience!



OCTWS President-Elect Becky Crow presenting at the OWMA Conference

**KEYNOTE: Can the Umbrella Species Concept Maximize Wildlife Conservation on Private Forests in the Eastern United States** – DJ McNeil, University of Kentucky

**Partnering with Private Landowners to Assess Conservation Outcomes** – Jess McGuire, Quail Forever

**Break / Poster Session & Networking**  
Coffee and Hot Tea Served

**Focused Monitoring of Northern Bobwhite for Targeted Conservation Delivery** – Joseph Lautenbach, ODNR Division of Wildlife

**Impacts of Periodical Cicada Emergence on Wild Turkey in Ohio** – Mark Wiley, ODNR Division of Wildlife

**Challenges of Freshwater Mussel Conservation in Ohio: Protecting Ecosystem Health Through Habitat Restoration and Preservation** – Ryan Schwegman, BioSurvey Group

**Solar Energy on the Landscape and the Race to Preserve Biodiversity** – Becky Crow, ODNR Division of Wildlife

**Utility Vegetation Assessments – Prescribing Management or Conducting Research?** – Gabriel Karns, The Ohio State University & Michael Retterer, Pheasants Forever

**Landscape Features Shape the Genetic Structure of Barn Owls Across the Mid-Atlantic and Midwestern USA** – Allison K. Williams, The Ohio State University

**Evaluation of Mitigation Translocation as a Management Tool to Reduce Conflicts Between Humans and American Kestrels** – Brian E. Washburn, USDA, Wildlife Services

**A Dynamic Human Shield? Evaluating COVID-19 Lockdown Effects on Urban Carnivore Coexistence** – Taylor S. Readyhough, University of New Hampshire

**Fecal Findings: Investigating Spatial Variability in Diet Composition of Two Sympatric Predators** – Mohit Poudel, Ohio University

**Modeling Changing Winter Duck Distribution in the Great Lakes Region** – Andrea Spurck, The Ohio State University

What a packed and inspiring two days of wildlife conservation! Thank you to the Watters Aquatic Conservation Center, ODNR Wildlife Officers, Ohio Wildlife Management Association, and our incredible OCTWS members for making these experiences possible.

Stay tuned for the release of the 2026 OCTWS Annual Workshop and Meeting dates.





## OCTWS MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: LAUREN CONNOLLY

### FOUNDER OF WILD DEVELOPMENTS STUDIO



A new feature of your OCTWS newsletters are member spotlights! We hope to highlight, engage, and promote the incredible work of our members.

In this edition, we meet OCTWS member Lauren Connolly, founder of Wild Developments Studio! Lauren holds over 19 distinct certifications and educational experiences in environmental interpretation, scuba, wildlife and more, is a professional photographer with photos displayed in various exhibits across Ohio, and remains a dedicated watercolor artist. Continue reading to hear Lauren share about opportunities to get involved at Wild Developments Studio!



Lauren Connolly displaying her watercolor pet portraits

### Reconnecting with Nature through Earth and Easel

Wild Developments Studio, founded with a mission to inspire connections between people and the natural world, has introduced an innovative and enriching program: **Earth and Easel**. This free event series encourages participants to immerse themselves in nature while exploring the art of nature journaling. Hosted in the serene surroundings of The Grail in Loveland, Ohio, Earth and Easel provides an opportunity for creativity, mindfulness, and a deeper appreciation for the environment.

### Why Earth and Easel Matters

At its heart, **Earth and Easel** aims to foster a connection between people and nature. By slowing down and observing the world around them, participants gain a deeper appreciation for the environment—a vital step in nurturing a conservation mindset. Nature journaling helps individuals notice subtle details they might otherwise overlook, cultivating both a personal and collective sense of stewardship for the natural world.

## MORE ABOUT EARTH AND EASEL...

### The Experience

Earth and Easel is designed to be a hands-on, self-guided journey where participants can reconnect with the land through artistic expression. Each event is set up to provide:

- **Art Supplies:** Materials like watercolor pencils, blank postcards, and sketching tools are provided free of charge to attendees, removing barriers to participation and allowing everyone to tap into their creative side.
- **Nature Journaling:** Guests are encouraged to document their observations of the environment, from the changing colors of leaves to the gentle movement of pollinators. Nature journaling is not only a creative outlet but also a way to practice phenology—the study of cyclic and seasonal natural phenomena.
- **Guidance and Inspiration:** Lauren Connolly, founder of Wild Developments Studio, is present to answer questions and provide tips on nature journaling, such as tracing leaves or observing subtle changes in the environment over time.

Anyone willing to share their journal entry is invited to let Lauren take a picture of it and publish it on the Wild Developments Website as a living gallery of The Grail. This gallery beautifully showcases the phenology of this special place.



Art created at Earth and Easel and displayed on the virtual gallery



The next Earth and Easel is on March 22 from \*2-4pm in Loveland, OH!

\*updated: time changed for this event than indicated on the flyer

### The Grail: A Perfect Setting

Nestled in Loveland, Ohio, The Grail offers a tranquil and inspiring backdrop for **Earth and Easel** events. Its diverse landscapes invite exploration and provide countless subjects for artistic and scientific observation. The setting encourages participants to tune into the rhythms of nature and discover the beauty in small, everyday moments.

### Join the Movement

**Earth and Easel** is more than an event; it's an invitation to pause, reflect, and engage with the world around you. By bringing together art and conservation, Wild Developments Studio hopes to inspire a broader audience to embrace the wild—one journal entry at a time.

For more information or to join an upcoming Earth and Easel event, follow Wild Developments Studio on social media or visit their website. Together, let's nurture our connection to the earth and each other through the transformative power of art and nature.

To learn more, visit the Wild Developments Studio website:  
<https://wilddevelopmentsstudio.com/>





# UNIVERSITY OF RIO GRANDE

## Student Chapter Update



In 2024, our Rio Grande OCTWS student chapter (Rio Grande Wildlife Society) held several successful and engaging events for their members. Students in this organization are empowered in the fields of fisheries and wildlife management, and are presented with workshops, networking opportunities, and resume-expanding learning.

In October, members performed outreach at a Halloween-themed Moonville Festival in McArthur, Ohio. The students tabled and interacted with the community, welcoming them to explore the bioluminescent harvestman, live cockroaches, snake skeletons, and bat echolocation demonstration they brought with them!



Rio Grande Wildlife Society tabling at the Moonville Festival  
Kyle Artis, Vice President URGTSWS

This past year, Dr. Don Althoff took students on surveys of Cope's Gray Treefrogs, as well as ear tagging southern flying squirrels. The students also traveled to West Virginia, assisting with maintenance of the state's Department of Natural Resources captive elk herd enclosure. At nightfall, they got to witness the elusive and haunting bugle of the male elk! Back on campus in December, members facilitated a Christmas Bird Count, noting 16 distinctive bird species in this citizen-science program.

At the OWMA conference this past January (2025) we were pleased to learn from Emilee Ross, David Stine and Madelyn Snyder who presented research posters at the conference. 2 out of the 11 student research posters represented were from Rio Grande Wildlife Society members!

Looking ahead, this enthusiastic student chapter will be attending the Quail Forever 2025 Banquet, attending the Wildlife Diversity Conference, conducting a grassland bird point-count survey at Crown City Wildlife Area, and performing volunteer work at the Canter's Cave 4H Camp near Jackson, Ohio.

## RIO GRANDE WILDLIFE SOCIETY AT A GLANCE



Students Assisting Dr. Althoff with flying squirrel ear tagging  
Kyle Artis, Vice President URGTSWS



Rio Grande Wildlife Society students in West Virginia  
Kyle Artis, Vice President URGTSWS



Students Assisting Dr. Althoff with gray tree frog surveys  
Kyle Artis, Vice President URGTSWS





Wild turkeys at Daniel's Peace Memorial Park  
Rick Baumann, Rick's Pix

# WILDLIFE NEWS & RESEARCH

## OHIO 2024-2025



Feral swine, photo by USDA/APHIS

### Feral Swine Bill Signed

House Bill 503, known as the "Feral Swine Bill," was signed into law on December 19, 2024, and will be effective on March 20, 2025. This legislation includes a total ban on importing wild boar and feral swine. It also prohibits possessing, transporting, releasing, and hunting wild boar and feral swine, including in wild animal hunting preserves. Eradication efforts for wild boar and feral swine are only permitted following specific provisions.



Autonomous Recording Unit (ARU) monitoring grassland birds

### NRCS Northern Bobwhite, Grasslands and Savannas "Outcomes Assessment"

Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever Farm Bill Biologists in southern Ohio have been working on a research project to monitor the "outcomes" of habitat improvement projects on private lands, which have been enrolled in the NRCS-Environmental Quality Improvement Program (EQIP). This multi-year study involves 20 states, and approximately 350 sites. The study focuses on vulnerable, declining species of grassland birds such as the northern bobwhite. Jump to page 13 to read a write-up of this incredible assessment.



A staff member at the Centerville-Washington Park District displays collected native seeds

### Seed-sharing Bill Signed

House Bill 364 was signed by Ohio Governor Mike DeWine in January 2025. This law separates non-commercial seed sharing activities from certain regulations that would typically make it difficult for non-profits, park districts, classrooms etc. to share native seed packets with the community, or spread seeds in the environment. This law, among other initiatives, also removes milkweed from Ohio's list of noxious seeds. This law goes into effect in 90 days of signing.



Biologists in the Outcomes Assessment project using a Robel Pole to complete vegetation surveys in southern Ohio

## NRCS NORTHERN BOBWHITE, GRASSLANDS AND SAVANNAS “OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT”

WRITE-UP BY DAVID “SCOTT” CARPENTER, FARM BILL BIOLOGIST II

Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever Farm Bill Biologists in southern Ohio have been working on a research project in partnership with the USDA-NRCS, Working Lands for Wildlife, and the University of Georgia, to monitor the “outcomes” of habitat improvement projects on private lands, which have been enrolled in the NRCS-Environmental Quality Improvement Program (EQIP). This multi-year study involves 20 states, and approximately 350 sites.



Scott Carpenter working on a project site in southern Ohio

Grassland and early successional habitat obligate bird species have been in decline for several decades. The Northern Bobwhite, an iconic upland bird, has experienced dramatic declines in the last 40 years and the NRCS Northern Bobwhite, Grasslands and Savannas conservation framework has been specifically focused on restoring habitat in the Bobwhite range to promote species recovery.

The “Outcomes Assessment” research project mentioned above is focused on collecting data around bird species utilizing habitat that is in the process of being improved or restored for wildlife. Northern Bobwhite habitat utilization, along with several other species of grassland birds, such as Henslow Sparrows, Eastern Meadowlarks, and Dickcissels, is being monitored by several data collection protocols.

In the spring, Autonomous Recording Units (ARUs) are deployed on project sites to record birds utilizing the habitat on the study sites. Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever Biologists are also doing site visits and point count surveys to record and document target species and the habitat they are using. Later in the summer, the PF and QF Biologists do comprehensive vegetation surveys on the project sites to add further data to the study. In the fall, ARUs are again deployed, and the biologists do additional surveys, listening specifically for Northern Bobwhite covey calls.

This data will all be utilized to better understand the effectiveness of the EQIP projects, habitat preference types and bird distribution and populations, throughout the Northern Bobwhite range. The ultimate goal of the study is to help landowners and managers make informed decisions which will make the most impact for the benefit of the Bobwhite Quail and other grassland bird species.





American goldfinch,  
Ginger Clark, Ohio Photographer

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<https://wildlife.org/>

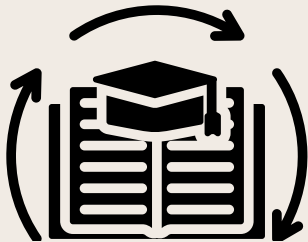
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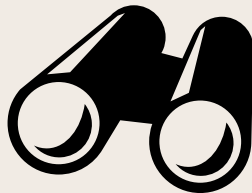
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## WANT TO EXPAND BEYOND YOUR OCTWS MEMBERSHIP? CONSIDER JOINING THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY (PARENT ORGANIZATION)



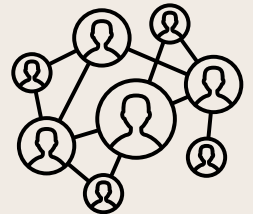
Gain access to online journal publications and conference lectures for free



Gear discounts for Vortex binoculars, and more!



The Wildlife Professional magazine and eWildlifer weekly e-newsletter



Mentoring/mentorship opportunities with wildlife professionals

**Add a TWS membership today!**  
<https://wildlife.org/join/>







## ARE YOU A STUDENT WONDERING WHAT THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY HAS TO OFFER BUT NOT READY OR ABLE TO PURCHASE A MEMBERSHIP FOR YOURSELF?

**YOU CAN RECEIVE A FREE 6-MONTH MEMBERSHIP WITH TWS GIVEBACK PROGRAM!**

[Apply for a TWS Giveback Membership Here](#)

**If you receive a Give Back membership, you will have:**

- Access to the Student Development Working Group discord server and other professional development resources.
- Free online access to TWS publications.
- Bi-monthly issues of the The Wildlife Professional magazine.
- Weekly editions of the eWildlifer newsletter, TWS Talks, and recorded presentations from the Annual Conference.
- Monthly editions of the Student & Early Career Professional Newsletter.
- Access to the Online Directory for TWS Network.
- Opportunity to pursue certifications.
- Member-only discounts, including \$200 off TWS Annual Conference in Alberta (2025).
- And more!



## ARE YOU AN EXISTING MEMBER OF TWS THAT WANTS TO DONATE A MEMBERSHIP?

Your gift will give a student the opportunity to network and experience the benefits of being part of The Wildlife Society. Thank you for your gift!

[Apply to GIVE a membership here!](#)

White-tailed deer,  
Ginger Clark, Ohio Photographer



# YOUR OHIO CHAPTER OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY LEADERSHIP



**Becky Crow,  
President**



**Jesse Sockman,  
President-Elect**



**Erin Hazelton,  
Past-President**



**Annalise Bokenkamp,  
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**Kayla Ferdelman,  
Secretary**



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