Call for Abstracts
Deadline: April 17, 2020 11:59 p.m. CST

27th Annual Conference of the Wildlife Society
September 27 – October 1, 2020

The Wildlife Society will hold its 27th Annual Conference in Louisville, Kentucky, Sept. 27 – Oct. 1, 2020. The Conference will include workshops, field trips, and trainings, symposia, panel discussions, contributed oral presentations, contributed posters, and student research in progress posters. We invite you to submit abstracts for prospective contributed oral or poster presentation on topics of wildlife ecology, management, conservation, education, or policy.

Presentation Types:

Contributed Oral Presentations will be scheduled for 20 minutes, which includes 15 minutes for the presentation and five minutes for questions.

Contributed Posters - will be scheduled by topic, presenters will present a printed version of their poster at the conference as well as upload a PDF of their poster no later than September 26th.

Student Research in Progress Posters - All undergraduate, M.S., and Ph.D. students with research in progress can submit an abstract for this session. Abstracts submitted can include 1) research that is in progress; 2) a proposed research project (with a focus on study design); 3) results from completed undergraduate research projects; or 4) student chapter research projects that may not be appropriate for the regular poster sessions (these may include a class or group research project). Presenters will need to bring a printed version of their poster to display at the conference as well as upload a PDF of their poster no later than September 26th.

Instructions for Submitting Abstracts
The submission site will open on February 19, 2020, and at that time a link will be made available through this Call for Abstracts. The submission site will lead you through the submission steps; guidelines for submissions are summarized below. You may initiate a submission, save your work, and return to complete or revise your submission as often as you like until the submission deadline. The submission deadline is April 17, 2020 at 11:59 pm CST. Abstracts that miss this deadline will not be considered. Please note: TWS allows only one contributed paper, contributed poster or student work in progress abstract per primary author.

Abstracts must be under 300 words, and should include a statement of objectives, brief description of methods, results, and conclusions. Do not include paper/poster title or author information in the abstract. Include scientific names in the abstract but not in the paper/poster title. You will be asked to choose one of the following subject categories.

- Biometrics and Population Modeling
- Conservation Communication
Abstract Evaluation
Contributed abstracts will be evaluated based on technical merit and contribution to our knowledge of species, populations, communities, ecological processes, management practices, conservation initiatives, education models, communication, or policy issues. Oral presentations and posters should present results from completed studies or completed phases of long-term projects. Work in progress is more appropriate for presentation at local or regional meetings and will not be accepted.

Student Research-in-Progress abstracts will be evaluated based on technical merit and contribution to our knowledge of species, populations, communities, ecological processes, management practices, conservation initiatives, education models, communication, or policy issues. Work does not need to be completed to be submitted.

All abstracts will have a blind review by two to three reviewers. Please note that presentations from students are welcome but are not given preferential treatment. We have found that students do just as well as or better than professionals under our blind review process.

Student Presentation Awards
Students who submit abstracts for a contributed presentation may request to be considered for the Best Student Oral Presentation or Poster Award. Please note, abstract quality is an important part of being considered for this award.

Notice of Decision
Due to time/space limitations we will not be able to accept all papers and posters submitted. Notice of decision will be made on or about May 14, 2020 via email.

Registration
All presenters MUST register and pay the appropriate conference registration fee. Registration information will be posted on TWS’ conference website, twsconference.org in May 2020. Early Bird registration is strongly encouraged and will be available through June 30.

Questions?
Questions about the conference program may be directed to Program Committee Coordinator, Tricia Fry at tricia@wildlife.org. For all other conference questions, please call (301) 897-9770 or email membership@wildlife.org.