



THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

Leaders in Wildlife Science, Management and Conservation

Call for Abstracts

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

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

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The Wildlife Society will hold its 27th Annual Conference in Louisville, Kentucky, Sept. 27 – Oct. 1, 2020. The Conference will include workshops, field trips, 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 in the following categories:

- Big Game
- Biological Diversity
- Biometrics, Modelling, Statistical Analysis
- Endangered Species Conservation
- Fire Ecology
- Genetics
- Geographic Information Systems, Telemetry, Remote Sensing
- Grasslands/Desert Ecology
- Habitat Ecology and Management
- Herpetology
- Human Dimensions
- Human/Wildlife Conflict Management
- Hunting
- International Experience
- Invasive Species
- Mammalogy
- Natural Resources Economics
- Natural Resources/Environmental Education
- Ornithology
- Physiology & Nutrition
- Policy/Administration
- Toxicology
- Trapping
- Upland Game
- Urban Wildlife
- Waterfowl
- Wetland Ecology
- Wilderness Ecology
- Wildlife Damage Management
- Wildlife Diseases
- Wildlife Population Management
- Other

Presentation Types:

Contributed Oral Presentations should present results from **completed studies** or completed phases of long-term projects. They will be scheduled for 20 minutes, which includes 15 minutes for the presentation and five minutes for questions.

Contributed Posters should present results from **completed studies** or completed phases of long-term projects. 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**. Click on the link at the top of this Call to access the submission site. 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 subject categories referenced earlier.

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.

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, twconference.org in May 2020. Early Bird registration that includes a \$50 discount 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.