



THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

Leaders in Wildlife Science, Management and Conservation

The Wildlife Society's 28th Annual Conference

Call for Proposals for Educational and Training Sessions

Opens: January 25, 2021

Deadline: April 19, 2021 11:59 p.m. EST

The Wildlife Society will hold its 28th Annual Conference virtually November 1-5, 2021. The conference will feature on-demand symposium, contributed oral presentations, contributed posters, and student research in progress posters, as well as live Q&A sessions, panel discussions and workshops. Proposals for workshops, symposia and panel discussions are invited. Proposals related to all aspects of wildlife ecology, management, policy, human dimensions and conservation are invited.

Symposia are comprised of a series of presentations that address aspects of a single topic. Organizers can request sessions that are 5, 10, 15 or 20 talks in duration. Each session will be available on demand throughout the conference, with a live Q&A with all speakers at a specified date and time. Attendance is open to all conference registrants.

Panel Discussions are a forum for interactive discussion of a topic among a panel of experts and an interested audience. Typically, a panel of four to eight speakers makes introductory remarks. The audience is then invited to make comments and question the panel. Panel discussions are scheduled for 90 minutes and will be hosted live. Attendance is open to all conference registrants.

Workshops & Trainings are courses on specific skills, techniques or processes and may involve one or more instructors. Workshops are intended to emphasize learning through participation, discussion and "hands-on" activities. For this reason, organizers must specify an upper limit on attendance. Attendance at workshops is by advance registration only. TWS requires a minimum fee of \$30 for professionals and \$15 for students and new professionals. Workshops may be a half or full day in length. Workshops will be conducted live via Zoom and cannot be recorded.

Workshops are not intended to promote a commercial product, product line or company. That type of activity belongs in the trade show. If the nature of the workshop requires demonstration of specific products, it is preferred that the instructor be a practitioner rather than a company representative. Alternatively, company representatives may serve as instructors if at least two competing companies are invited to participate. These companies also would be expected to participate in the trade show at regular booth fees.

Responsibilities of Session Organizers

Organizers are responsible for coordinating with the Program Committee, planning their sessions, selecting instructors/presenters, moderating their sessions and meeting all deadlines. As part of the proposal submission process you will provide names, contact information, and titles for each of the speakers in your symposium. While changes can be made to the session agenda after the proposal is submitted, this will require promptly communicating changes with Tricia Fry, tricia@wildlife.org. Sessions, including workshops, will be scheduled on all days of the conference. **Abstracts from all symposium presenters will be requested shortly after the symposium is accepted and must be submitted by June 1, 2021.** Presenters in symposia will be required to pre-record their talk in advance of the conference. Please mark these dates on your calendar!

All organizers and symposium speakers must register for the conference. TWS does not pay registration fees, travel expenses or honoraria for workshop, symposium or panel discussion organizers or presenters. Organizers may seek outside support for these expenses.

Registration rates for TWS2021 Virtual:	By July 31	After July 31
Student/Early Career Professionals (TWS Member)	\$ 75	\$ 100
Professional (TWS Member)	\$ 100	\$ 125
Non-member	\$ 325	\$ 325

Proposal Submission and Requirements

All proposals must be submitted through the online submission site. An active link will be available via the Call for Proposals at this time.

The submission process will prompt you for the following information:

1. Session Type – workshop, symposium, panel discussion
2. Preferred Session Length – Workshops and Symposium only
 - a. Symposia – a symposium can include 5, 10, 15, 20 presentations
 - b. Workshops, Field Trips, Trainings – Full day (8 hours) or half day (4 hours)
 - c. Panel Discussions – 90 minutes only
3. Session Title
4. Organizer(s) – names and complete contact information (the submitting organizer will be the contact person)
5. Supported by – institutions/groups that are financially or otherwise supporting the proposed session. Emails confirming the support of a special session should be emailed to Tricia Fry (tricia@wildlife.org) prior to April 19, 2021. Organizations whose support has not been confirmed will not be acknowledged.
6. An abstract describing the session. This will be used to advertise your session (250 word limit).
7. Detailed description of the session (1,000 word limit).
8. Names, emails, and working presentation title for all speakers (Symposium only)

Workshop proposals also require the following additional information:

9. Minimum Attendance
10. Maximum Attendance
11. Registration fees – a minimum fee of \$30 for professionals and \$15 for students and new professionals will be charged and this fee will go to TWS, if registration costs exceed these minimums please include a proposed fee and associated budget with your submission.

Proposal Evaluation and Notice of Decision

Proposals will be evaluated on timeliness of the subject, importance to the profession and/or contribution to science, and the overall quality of the written proposal. Submissions from TWS working groups are especially encouraged. Submitting Organizer will be notified regarding the status of their proposal by May 10, 2021.

Please direct any questions related to proposal preparation or submission to Tricia Fry, Program Committee Coordinator, at tricia@wildlife.org.