



THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

Leaders in Wildlife Science, Management and Conservation

Call for Abstracts

Deadline: May 7, 2023 11:59 p.m. Pacific Time

The Wildlife Society's 30th Annual Conference November 5 – 9, 2023

The Wildlife Society will hold its 30th Annual Conference in Louisville, Kentucky between November 5-9, 2023. The Conference will include workshops 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 presentations on topics of wildlife ecology, management, conservation, education, or policy.

Contributed Oral Presentations will be presented live and in-person in Louisville. Each oral presentation will be allotted 15 minutes, which includes 12 minutes for the presentation and three minutes for questions. Along with preparing a slide deck for their in-person presentation, **contributed oral presenters will be required to upload a 12-minute video recording of their talk prior to the conference.** Video presentations are due approximately one week before the conference and will be used to create a video archive of presentations at the conference, which will be available both during and following the event. The recorded format enhances accessibility of conference content.

Contributed Posters will be presented live and in-person in Louisville. Presenters will present a printed version of their poster at the conference. Along with preparing a printed poster for their in-person presentation, **contributed presenters will be required upload a PDF version of their poster for asynchronous viewing through the mobile app and online.** They will also have the option of uploading a short, recorded video summary of their poster.

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). Along with preparing a printed poster for their live, in-person presentation, **SRIP presenters will be required upload a PDF version of their poster for asynchronous viewing and have the option of uploading a short, recorded video summary of their poster.**

Instructions for Submitting Abstracts

The submission site will open on March 15, 2023. The submission site will lead you through the submission steps; guidelines for submissions are summarized below. The submission deadline is May 7, 2023 at 11:59 p.m. Pacific Time. Abstracts that miss this deadline will not be considered. Please note: **TWS allows only one contributed oral, contributed poster or student work in progress abstract per primary author.**

Abstracts must be under 250 words, and should include a statement of objectives, brief description of methods, results, and conclusions. You will be asked to choose one of the following subject categories.

- Biometrics and Population Modeling
- Climate Change

- Conservation and Ecology of Birds
- Conservation and Ecology of Mammals
- Conservation and Ecology of Reptiles and Amphibians
- Conservation and Ecology of Wildlife Communities
- Cultural Aspects of Wildlife Conservation
- Endangered Species Conservation
- Habitat Ecology and Management
- Human Dimensions
- IDEA -Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Awareness
- International Wildlife Management
- Invasive Species
- Molecular Ecology
- New Technology and Applications
- Physiology and Nutrition
- Planning and Policy
- Public Engagement, Education and Communication
- Spatial Ecology and Modeling
- Urban Wildlife Management
- Wildlife Damage Management
- Wildlife Disease and Toxicology

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.

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.

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 June 15, 2023 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. We expect registration to open in June 2023. Early Bird registration is strongly encouraged and will be available through at least July 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.