



Call for Abstracts

Deadline: May 3, 2024 11:59 p.m. Pacific Time

The Wildlife Society's 31st Annual Conference October 19 – 23, 2024

Please review the submission guidelines -- Submission link is at the bottom of the page.

The Wildlife Society will hold its 31st Annual Conference in Baltimore, Maryland between October 19-23, 2024. 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.

Symposium and Contributed Oral Presentations will be presented live and in-person in Baltimore. 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, **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 Baltimore. 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 to 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 April 8, 2024.

The submission site will lead you through the submission steps; guidelines for submissions are summarized below. The submission deadline is May 3, 2024 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.** You may give more than one presentation if you have been invited to participate in a symposium session.

Abstracts must be under 250 words, and should include a statement of objectives, brief description of methods, results, and conclusions.

New this year

If you have been invited to participate in a symposium you will be asked to select that symposium session. If your abstract was not invited but is appropriate for a symposium please select that symposium first, then select a contributed topic. If not selected for the symposium, your abstract will still be considered for a contributed topic.

Symposium Sessions (descriptions can be found on the submission site)

- Attracting and Engaging Historically Underserved or Disconnected Communities with Outreach or Educational Programming
- Biodiversity, Forests, and Forestry: Evolution of Perspectives and Practices; Old Growth, Young Forests, and Everything in Between
- Conservation without Conflict in Action: Collaborative Conservation
- Dietary Balancing Acts: The Nutritional Geometry of Feeding Decisions in Wildlife Ecology
- Drone Applications for Wildlife Research, Management, and Conservation
- Fitting in with the Feds: How We Became U.S. Federal Employees (and how you can too!)
- Genetic Advances in Disease Management
- Global Perspectives on Reducing Exposure to Lead Ammunition and Fishing Tackle
- Human Dimensions of Invasive Species Management: Barriers to Success and Practical Paths Forward
- Integrating Climate Change into Threatened, Endangered, and Imperiled Species Decisions and Management
- Integrating Movement and Space-Use Ecology into Wildlife Disease Research and Management
- Interdisciplinary Symposium on Incidental Take of Migratory Birds: Current and Future Approaches
- Managing Herpetofaunal Health
- One Health - One Welfare for Urban Wildlife: An Ecosystem Approach
- Perspectives on Coexisting with an Expanding Species: The Black Vulture.
- Rangeland Wildlife Ecology and Conservation
- Scaling Up Voluntary Conservation on Private Lands
- Sniffing Out Data: How Canine Teams Are Contributing to Conservation
- Value of information: Tools to Identify the Uncertainties that Matter to Decision Makers
- Wildlife Movement and Migration: Using Science to Drive Policy and Inform Management Decisions
- Wildlife, Climate Change, and Renewable Energy in the 'Anthropocene': Charting a Path Forward
- Women at Work: Stories of Wildlife Research and Management

Contributed Topics

- Biometrics and Population Modeling
- Conservation and Ecology of Birds
- Climate Change
- 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

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 May 31, 2024 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 2024. 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.