

Welcome to The Wildlife Society!

Our Goal: *“To give students the opportunity to meet other students and work with professionals in order to gain experience in wildlife field work, leadership, and communication skills.”*

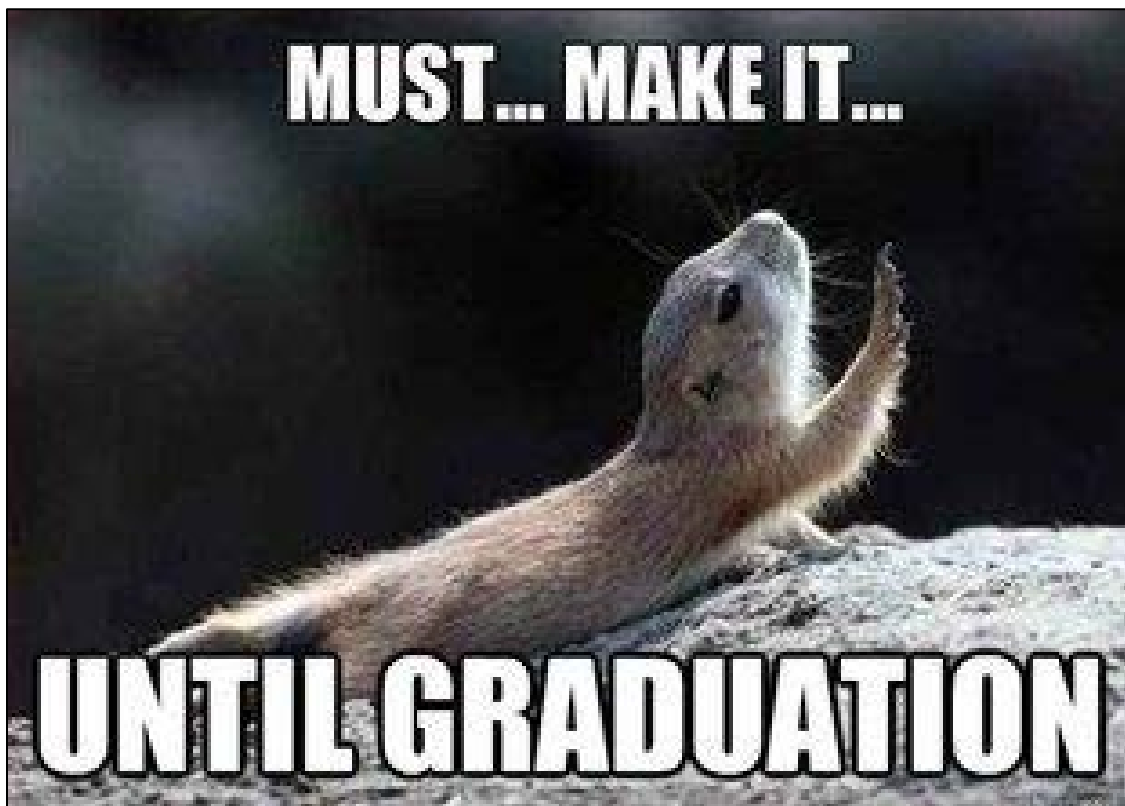
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Check out our [SPIN webpage](#) for photos, events, and more!

This Week (*Last Meeting of the Semester*): We heard from Jeff Pritzl (Wisconsin DNR) about the history and current status of Wisconsin’s deer, bear, and wolves.

Next Week: No meeting – Study for your finals!

Weekly Meme: For you December graduates...



Reminders:

- All TWS members (new and returning) must fill out an updated Hold Harmless Form, available at the TWS meetings or TWS office (TNR 359A).
- Dues are \$8/year or \$5/semester. Co-leaders will be checking to see if you have your paperwork done so make sure you have turned in dues, a membership form, and a hold harmless form BEFORE you participate in any projects.
 - * Only McKenna and Katherine can accept dues.
- Anyone driving for TWS needs to fill out an [online vehicle use form](#).
 - * Out-of-state students will need driving record before being approved.

Conservation Topic:

This week's conservation topic was about fungicides and their potential effects on declining bee populations. Researchers from Cornell University studied bees from around the US. They found that **fungicides** were the best predictor of the recent range contraction and declines of bee populations. For more information, see the [article](#) on the TWS website.



Miscellaneous:

- **Web Designer Election**
 - We are excited to have **Joe Quehl** join our officer team as web designer next semester!
 - For you new folks out there: Elections for next year's officer team will take place sometime in May and will be formatted the same way.
 - The board would like to thank Kevin Petrak for applying!
- **Books from the Heart**
 - Help fund books for elementary school students!
 - Each student, from our local community, will receive a book on Valentine's Day
 - \$5/book – Our organization's name will be on it!
 - Contact Katherine with questions or to donate

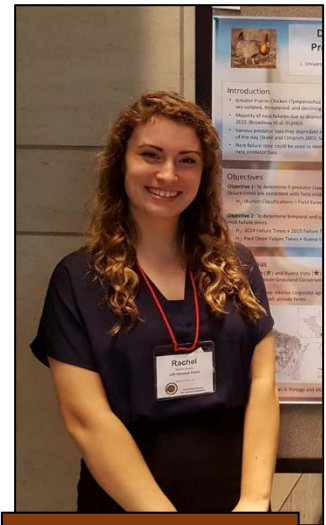
- **Apparel Orders are in!**
 - TWS apparel has arrived (excluding hats)
 - If you didn't pick up your order at the meeting, come during officer office hours
 - Contact Natalie (neric293@uwsp.edu) with questions
- **December Graduates! – Congratulations!**



Nate Fore



Sam Lau



Rachel
Konkle



Riley Hall



Logan
Hubbard

- **TWS National Membership “Give Back” Program**
 - Provide a free 6-month TWS membership to a peer, colleague, or student at no cost
 - Nominee will receive all the same benefits!
 - Contact Heidi (hputn475@uwsp.edu) to be considered for nomination or provide a nomination!

- **Adopt a Wildlife Area (AWA) – Buena Vista WA**
 - Need TWS dues, hold harmless, and all 3 Adopt a Wildlife Area forms to participate in AWA activities
 - Send Heidi copies of your certifications to participate in that activity
 - **Spring Semester Events**
 - We will be sending out a Doodle poll to determine spring work days
 - **Carnivore Track Surveys** will be early in the semester
 - **Chainsaw Class** will be February 3rd and 4th
 - Email Heidi (hputn475@uwsp.edu) with any questions or to sign up
- **Advanced Wingshooting Workshop**
 - Hosted by the WI DNR
 - Weekend in spring 2018
 - Improve your shot and reduce the # of lost or wounded game
 - Estimated cost = \$25 (covers shells, targets, and lunch)
 - BYOG (Bring Your Own Gun)
- **Treehaven Summer TA Position Open**
 - UWSP's Treehaven is looking for Wildlife Teaching Assistants for this upcoming summer
 - Applications can be found in the CNR Reporter or CNR ACAC Office
 - Gain valuable experience in wildlife field techniques, connect with students and faculty, and spend your entire summer outdoors!
 - Contact McKenna Hammons (previous wildlife TA) with questions
- **CNR Undergraduate Research Symposium**
 - Important dates
 - Presenter's Meeting – January 29th
 - Abstracts Due – February 9th @ midnight
 - Posters Printed – April 4th
 - Poster Hanging – April 5th, 4-7pm
 - **Symposium – April 6th**
 - The symposium committee is also looking for help next semester
 - Booklet maker, Judge coordinator, Web Weaver, Vice Chair
 - Please contact McKenna Hammons (mhamm833) or Bailee Mathieu (bmath213) with questions

- **TWS National Membership**

- Become a [national member](#) today! (Student rate = \$41)
- **TONS OF BENEFITS:**
 - Access to TWS national journal publications
 - Weekly newsletters on current wildlife issues
 - Plus receive a \$200 discount on national conference registration fees
- TWS [Working Groups](#)
 - Specialized groups that discuss and work on specific topics involving wildlife
 - TWS Student Development Working Group = Free
 - Students get free membership to this working group
 - Promotes awareness of benefits
 - Helps prepare student members for professional wildlife careers
 - Facilitates networking between students and experienced TWS members
- Contact Ian with questions (ibier003@uwsp.edu)

- **We Want Your Photos**

- **All TWS projects and research students:** We are looking for photos to post on our Facebook page!
- Send photos, activities, or thoughts to Olivia (othom200@uwsp.edu)

Events:

- **Carnivore Tracking Workshops**

- **Must attend workshop to help with carnivore tracking surveys this winter!**
- Saturday, December 16 (9am – 3pm)
 - TNR 170 - UWSP
- Learn to ID carnivore tracks and conduct surveys to participate in the DNR carnivore tracking program via AWA
- **Registration has closed!**
- Email Heidi (hputn475@uwsp.edu) with questions or to register.

- **TWIN Wolf Ecology Workshop**

- January 13-14 (9am Sat – noon Sun)
- UWSP Treehaven Campus
- Cost = \$165 (includes lodging and meals)
- **8 \$50 Scholarships available for UWSP students**
- Check in the CNR Reporter for more info!
- Questions? Email Heidi (hputn475@uwsp.edu)

- **78th Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference**
 - January 28 – 31, 2018
 - Milwaukee, WI
 - [Registration](#) is now open! (\$125 for students)
 - **In-progress Posters Presentations due when you register**
 - Limited to 15 posters, FCFS
 - OSCAR Travel Grant
 - For those who are presenting and did not get sponsored
 - Anyone applying for an OSCAR travel grant must be on one application, contact Abby before applying!
 - Contact Abby with questions (aweig524@uwsp.edu)
- **Adopt a Wildlife Area Chainsaw Class**
 - Two Separate Classes – Only need to attend one class
 - Saturday, February 3rd
 - Sunday, February 4th
 - Only 15 participants per class
 - Classroom: TNR 320 / Field: Buena Vista SWA
 - Full day commitment, both a classroom & field portion
 - All equipment and PPE (excluding leather gloves) will be provided
 - **For those of you who showed interest:** You should have received an email from Heidi about how to sign up for a day
 - Must have dues paid, hold harmless, and all 3 AWA forms
 - Questions? Ask Heidi (hputn475@uwsp.edu)
- **Mississippi Flyway Wing-Bee**
 - February 5 – 9
 - Carbondale, IL
 - Resumé Builder!
 - Learn to ID, sex, and age ducks by their wings
 - Looking for about 10 people
 - If interested, please contact Dr. Straub (Jacob.straub@uwsp.edu) or Abby Weigel
- **Minnesota Chapter of The Wildlife Society Annual Meeting**
 - February 12-14, 2018
 - St. Cloud, MN
 - Theme: How technology has helped to advance wildlife management
 - Abstracts due: **December 8, 2017**
 - Contact Abby with questions (aweig524@uwsp.edu)

Currently Active Projects:

- **Fisher Project**

- They will start trapping sometime during winter break at Mead SWA
- Looking for volunteers to help trap!
- Contact Nick Gall (ngall825) or Alex Combs (acomb964) with questions!

Projects Seeking Co-leaders:

LEADING A PROJECT IS A GREAT UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH OPPORTUNITY!

- **Woodcock Project**

- Looking for 2-3 new co-leaders for next fall
- Project runs from April to May
- 2-3 weeks of banding
- Application sent out in email
- Contact Shanell (sbudl536@uwsp.edu), Abby (aweig524@uwsp.edu), or Sam (slau569@uwsp.edu) with questions.

- **Small Mammal Project**

- Looking for co-leaders for next year
- Small mammal trapping in Schmeekle Reserve
- Contact co-leaders for more info.

- **Fisher Project**

- Looking for 1 new co-leader
- Trapping, collaring, and telemetry
- Active November – March
- If interested, contact Nick Gall (ngall825) or Alex Combs (acomb964)

2017-2018 Officer Team:

- President:** Katherine Rexroad (krexr541@uwsp.edu)
- Vice President:** Natalie Erickson (neric293@uwsp.edu)
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- Treasurer:** McKenna Hammons (mhamm833@uwsp.edu)
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- Conference Coordinator:** Abby Weigel (aweig524@uwsp.edu)
- Social Coordinator:** Heidi Putnam (hputn475@uwsp.edu)
- Membership Coordinator:** Ian Bierke (ibier003@uwsp.edu)
- Education Coordinator:** Addie Swenson (aswen132@uwsp.edu)
- Web Designer:** Olivia Thomas (othom200@uwsp.edu) or **Joe Quehl** (jqueh281@uwsp.edu)

Officer Office Hours: Come turn in forms, ask questions, or get help during these times!!!

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:00		McKenna Hammons		McKenna Hammons	
9:00	Chris Leighty				
10:00	Chris Leighty	Heidi Putnam		Abby Weigel	Katherine Rexroad
11:00					Katherine Rexroad
12:00		Addie Swenson	Ben Tjepkes	Addie Swenson	
1:00			Ian Bierke		Ian Bierke
2:00				Natalie Erickson	
3:00			Natalie Erickson		
4:00	Ben Tjepkes				

***TWS Office = TNR 359A**

***Only McKenna and Katherine can accept dues**

Projects and Co-leaders:

* *Co-leaders: If any of this information is incorrect, please let me (btjep302@uwsp.edu) know.*

- **Bat:** Monitors local bat population in Schmeckle Reserve and other locations.
 - Co-leaders: *Nate Fore (nfore276), Cole Walli (cwall044), and Adelyn Hanchette (ahanc656)*
- **Canid:** Camera trap grids at Treehaven and Mead Wildlife Area.
 - Co-leaders: *Timothy Zappa (tzapp951), McKenna Hammons (mhamm833), Nathan Bartels (nbart763), and Heather Foster (hfost894)*
- **Deer:** Trapping and collaring deer in Schmeckle Reserve. Use collars and camera traps to track deer population.
 - Co-leaders: *Garett Downing (gdown584), Kelsie (khaye985), Cassidy (ccyer050), and Kelsey (kbrow787)*
- **Felid:** Places camera traps on Mead Wildlife Area and processes photos
 - Co-leaders: *Lucas Begeman (lbege830) and Aaron Seitz (aseit076)*
- **Fisher:** Trapping two fishers at Mead wildlife area to radio collar late November to mid-March. Monthly telemetry to download collar data.
 - Co-leaders: *Alex Coombs (acoom964), Nick Gall (ngall825), Moira Enders (mende208), Josh Kivett (jkive683)*
- **Flying Squirrel:** Trapping and handling in Schmeckle Reserve. Examine species abundance and distribution. Maintain flying squirrel boxes.
 - Co-leaders: *Katherine Rexroad (krexr541), Jacob Hewitt (jhewi336), Cassidy Hamilton (chami946), Miranda Myli (mmyli483) and Jacob Shurba (jshur976)*
- **Gray Squirrel:** Trap gray squirrels on weekends at Sandhill Wildlife Area.
 - Co-leaders: *Jacob Shurba (jshur976), Heidi Putnam (hputn475), Ella, Jimmy*
- **Lagomorph:** Trap eastern cottontails on weekends at Gordon Bubolz Nature Preserve near Appleton.
 - Co-leader: *Katherine Rexroad (krexr541)*
- **Otter:** Collects scat samples at Sandhill Wildlife Area.
 - Co-leader: *Cole Walli (cwall044)*
- **Ruffed Grouse:** Trapping/collaring, drumming surveys, and radio telemetry at Treehaven. Active in spring, Friday – Sunday.
 - Co-leaders: *Ben Tjepkes (btjep302), Jeff Williams (jwill600), Heidi Putnam (hputn475), Joe Quehl (jqueh281), Brandon Rochefort, and Rachel Martin.*

- **Saw-Whet Owl:** Mist netting at Sandhill Wildlife Area. Weekend long commitment.
 - Co-leaders: *Janelle Taylor (jtay1575)*, *Logan Hubbard (lhubb292)*, *Ian Bierke (ibier003)*, *Amanda Lang (alang674)*, *Madison Fell (mfell032)*, and *Rebeca Bravo (rbrav406)*
- **Small Mammal:** Traps in Schmeekle Reserve weekdays, 6am and 6pm.
 - Co-leaders: *Chris Leighty (cleig868)*, *Amanda Lang (alang674)*, *Tessa Veverka (tveve887)*, and *Jonte Watts (jwatt992)*
- **Waterfowl:** Tracks wood duck and hooded merganser use and success rates in artificial nest boxes. Active in January at Mead Wildlife Area.
 - Co-leaders: *Abby Weigel (aweig524)*, *Alex Coombs (acoom964)*, *Sean Mason (smaso747)* and *Leah Bell (lbell100)*
- **Wild Bird:** Conducts raptor road surveys in Buena Vista Wildlife Area.
 - Co-leaders: *Brad Zinda (bzind205)*, *Jacob Hewitt (jhewi336)*, and *Miranda Myli (mmyli483)*
- **Wild Turkey:** Determines predation rate of wild turkey nests in areas with supplemental feeding.
 - Co-leader: *Dan Squires (dsqui031)*
- **Wolf:** Estimates census and pack boundaries from snow tracks at Mead Wildlife Area. Active in January.
 - Co-leader: *Cora Glass (cglas467)*
- **Woodcock:** Bands woodcock using mist nets.
 - Co-leaders: *Sam Lau (slau569)*, *Shanell Budleski (sbud536)* and *Abby Weigel (aweig524)*
- **Woodpecker:** Studies homerange and pair bonding between woodpeckers at Sandhill Wildlife Area. Active on weekends during the spring semester.
 - Co-leaders: *Kaylie Petersen (kpete096)*, and *Logan Kocha (lkoch860)*