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Items of note:

- ICTWS dues are \$12 in 2018. Dues can be paid online at www.intws.org
- ICTWS celebrates its 50th year as a chapter! See page 3 for more details.
- Upcoming event? New publication? Successful hunt? We want to know about it! See page 5 for info on how to contact us.

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A Message from President Anthony Sipes

Hopefully by the time this spring newsletter reaches you the weather has begun to behave according to the calendar. With prescribed fire season wrapping up, spring and summer habitat management being put into motion, and research field seasons beginning, this can be a busy time of year for wildlife biologists. As you think about the year ahead and your professional plans, remember to keep TWS in mind. It is very easy to get so wrapped up in our work to forget about professional societies – I am definitely no stranger to this myself.

While our organization strives to provide excellent networking and engagement opportunities at our spring meetings and fall workshops, it is certainly possible to stay involved in the months in between. If you are contemplating how you might get more involved in TWS, a quick visit to the website should help you out (<https://www.intws.org/>). The numerous committees that make up the Indiana Chapter are vital to our success and are excellent ways to take a more active role. In addition, we are always looking for good candidates to run for officer positions. If you are thinking about pursuing a position, I encourage you to jump in head first!

Of course, there will always be the traditional opportunities for members to engage. We'll begin planning for our fall workshop soon and plans are already being discussed for the spring 2019 meeting, which will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Indiana Chapter of TWS. President-



Elect, Jason Wade, will be taking the lead with this 50th effort. Look for more news on this as the meeting approaches. Outside of the internal events, our chapter has recently sponsored several external conservation meetings in Indiana, including the Indiana Monarch Conservation Summit and the Conservation Conversation in NE Indiana. By sponsoring such events, we hope to show that the wildlife professionals of this great state are committed to on the

ground conservation efforts.

TWS also offers many ways to participate and get involved at the national level. If there is an area where we could improve in Indiana, it is involvement at the national and section level. This year will bring the TWS 25th Annual Conference to Cleveland, Ohio. The annual conference for the parent chapter is always a great experience. I've been fortunate enough to attend several national conferences over the years, and they never disappoint. I highly recommend trying to make an annual conference and this year will be an excellent opportunity. Looking ahead to 2019, the 26th TWS Annual Conference will be in Reno, Nevada, and will be the first ever TWS-AFS joint national conference.

Let's make the next year a great one for TWS. I hope everyone has an excellent summer and I look forward to seeing you all this fall.

Anthony



2018 Officers Installed

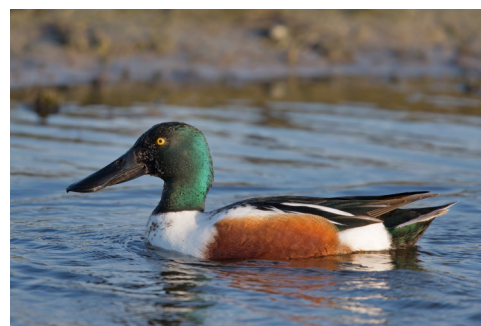
At the 2018 Spring meeting the following officers were installed. A big thanks to Chapter members who have stepped up to serve!

President—Anthony Sipes. Anthony is very active and involved in The Wildlife Society. In 2016, he participated in the TWS Leadership Institute. For the Indiana Chapter of TWS, he currently serves as member of the Continuing Education Committee, and Chair of the Conservation Affairs Committee. He participates in several working groups for the parent society and chairs the Annual Technical Session Committee of the Hunting, Trapping, and Conservation Working Group.

President-elect— Jason Wade. Jason has been active with the Chapter for many years, serving as the nominations committee chair, member-at-large, communications committee chair, membership committee chair and as newsletter editor.

Member-at-Large—Erin Basiger. Erin is a graduate of Hocking College and currently works as a wildlife biologist for IDNR. Erin is looking forward to expanding her contributions to the Chapter by serving as member-at-large.

Secretary/Treasurer—Cassie Hudson. Cassie will once again serve as the Chapter's secretary/treasurer. This position is critical to the operations of the Chapter and Cassie does an excellent job!



2018 Annual Spring Meeting Highlights

The 2018 spring meeting was held in Lafayette on February 12th and 13th. The meeting focused on Restoration through Collaboration and was held jointly with the Indiana Chapter of the American Fisheries Society. Mary McConnell of the Nature Conservancy gave a keynote address highlighting Indiana's many conservation success stories. An ITWS business meeting was held after the meeting concluded. The meeting was a success, with over 140 attendees.



ITWS turns 50 this year!

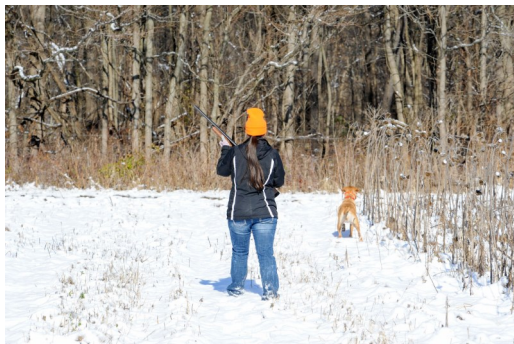
ITWS turns 50 years old this year! Our Chapter has spent the past 50 years making positive impacts to Indiana's wildlife resources. Whether it's providing continuing education opportunities or a voice for wildlife professionals on important legislative issues, the efforts of the Chapter and its members have helped build a bright future for conservation in Indiana. Significant Chapter accomplishments in the past 50 years include; supporting wildlife student development, providing educational opportunities to wildlife professionals, financial support for conservation through the Chapters endowment fund, recognizing the efforts of outstanding wildlife professionals through the Chapters awards program, and providing a science based perspective on important conservation issues. We look forward to the next 50 years being as productive as the last!



Professional Growth



Wildlife Student Learning



Recognizing Excellence



Student Chapter Updates

PURDUE - The Purdue Student Chapter of The Wildlife Society is continuing to keep busy after an eventful fall. We finished out the past semester with a trip to Kankakee Sands to learn more about their bison and the impact they have on the prairie ecosystem. We plan to return to Kankakee Sands later this spring to herd, bird, and view the new bison calves.



This semester, we started our regular meetings by dissecting owl pellets. Members had the chance to dissect, clean, and identify various mammal and bird skulls, which aided with their studies. We also hosted a couple workshops; one over the certifications offered through TWS, which Dr. Elizabeth Flaherty outlined and answered questions about. Students had the chance to plan how to get their Associate Wildlife Biologist certification by the time they graduate. Our other workshop was an introduction to taxidermy where members learned how to properly prepare specimens with the assistance of our department curator. Additionally, we helped plan and run the Forestry and Natural Resources Career Fair.

Our working groups have been very active this semester.

Our hunting working group hosted multiple trapping days in order to collect specimens for the taxidermy workshop. Birds working group led a viewing trip to see Long-eared Owls early in the semester. The group has continued to offer volunteer slots for Northern Saw-whet Owl Banding through Purdue's banding station at

Martell Forest. Herps working group helped lead our last regular meeting at Purdue Wildlife Area, where we searched for tiger salamanders and various frog species that were currently breeding. Our herps working group leader has additionally led a couple night excursions to see sala-

mander migration. Mammals working group will be hosting a necropsy demonstration with Dr. Elizabeth Flaherty later in the semester.

The Purdue Chapter also took its annual trip to Cook County this spring to trap white-tailed deer and coyotes. We were able to gain hands-on experience with data collection, measurements, and sample collection during this trip, in addition to trapping experience. Members also had the chance to watch and assist with the banding of a Red-tailed Hawk and a couple American Kestrels. We hope to return to Cook County again in the fall for more hands-on experience with different species.

Currently, we are planning on attending the North Central Section Student Conclave in Iowa. We have several more trips planned for April, including mushroom hunting, herping, hiking, and a Snake Road road-trip. We hope to finish out this year with tons of new experiences!

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The Wildlife Society (TWS), founded in 1937, is an international non-profit scientific and educational association dedicated to excellence in wildlife stewardship through science and education. The Indiana Chapter of The Wildlife Society, was founded in 1968, under the parent society, as the professional organization of trained wildlife ecologists, biologists, and managers in the state.

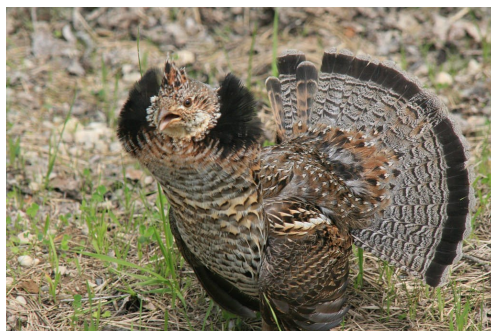
Our mission is to enhance the ability of wildlife professionals to conserve diversity, sustain productivity, and ensure responsible use of wildlife resources for the benefit of society. The Wildlife Society encourages professional growth through certification, peer-reviewed publications, conferences, and working groups.

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Not a member but interested in joining? We have many ways to join!

- Visit our website at www.intws.org to find the membership form. Send the completed membership form to the address at the top of this page, or via email to IndianaTWS@gmail.com
- Send \$12 via check (along with your membership form) to the address at the top of this page, or pay via PayPal using the link on our website.
- You can also join at any of our conferences or workshops.

Yearly dues are used to support ICTWS conferences and workshops, support student chapters with travel to national conferences and conclaves, support youth wildlife education programs, and much more!