

# Indiana Chapter of The Wildlife Society

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## Items of note:

- ICTWS dues are \$12 in 2016. Dues can be paid online using PayPal via our website, or by contacting Cassie Hudson.
- ICTWS is now on Facebook and Twitter! See page 6 for info on how to connect with us!
- 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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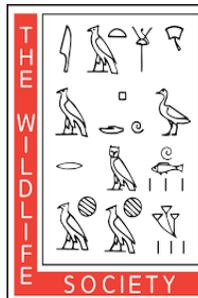
## FALL WORKSHOP - SAVE THE DATE!

The ICTWS 2016 continuing education fall workshop will be held on Friday, October 21st. The workshop will be held at the Salamonie Lake nature center in Andrews, Indiana. Registration will begin at 9:30. We will start with a business meeting in the morning, followed by lunch, several agriculture and wildlife presentations, and then a trap shoot at the Roush Lake shooting range in the afternoon. Visit our website, [www.intws.org](http://www.intws.org), for more details and how to register.



## New Benefit for National Members

As part of an effort to expand partnerships within the wildlife community, all current and new national TWS members will soon have online access to the latest wildlife science published in the premier journals — *The Journal of Wildlife Management*, *Wildlife Monographs* and the *Wildlife Society Bulletin*. Previously, members had to pay an additional \$75 for online access to both journals, nearly the cost



of a full TWS membership. This new benefit, which will start in January 2017, means that everything TWS publishes will be *free* to all members.

TWS members already receive 6 issues yearly of *The Wildlife Professional*, which provides news and analysis to inform wildlife professionals about advances in wildlife science, conservation, management, policy, and education.

## Awards given at Spring Meeting

Many of the ICTWS's highest awards were given at the spring meeting, held at the Four Winds Resort in April. The chapter is happy to recognize the following individuals for receiving some well deserved accolades:

**Rob Chapman** was given the outgoing president award for his service as president in 2015. Thank you very much to Rob for serving and doing a great job!

**Dr. Harmon "Mickey" Weeks** was presented the Honorary Member Award. Harmon, a charter member of the Indiana Chapter, served as president of the chapter in 1989 and again in 1998. He was awarded the Hoosier Wildlife Award in 2006, for his significant contributions to wildlife conservation in Indiana, the highest award given by the Indiana Chapter of The Wildlife Society.

Throughout his career in the Department of Forestry and Natural Resources at Purdue University, Dr. Weeks has been a strong advocate for The Wildlife Society and instilled in his students the need to be a part of The Wildlife Society. He was the faculty representative of the Purdue Student Chapter of The Wildlife Society for 25 consecutive years. He contributed a significant portion of his time to mentoring students at student chapter meetings, and arranging projects for the student chapter to participate in, including projects marking, installing, and monitoring wood duck and owl boxes, running white-tailed deer check stations, and organizing birding excursions.

Congratulations Dr. Weeks on a much deserved award!

**Dr. Rob Swihart** was presented with the Hoosier Wildlife Award—the highest award given by the Indiana Chapter of the Wildlife Society. During his tenure at Purdue, Rob has instructed over a thousand undergraduate students. Dr. Swihart has a passion for teaching which is exemplified by his work on an award-winning learning community for freshman. He has twice been awarded the Outstanding Teacher Award in the Department of Forestry and Natural Resources, was named a Purdue University Faculty

Scholar in 2003 – an award bestowed to less than 1% of the faculty. In 2011 he was named the Outstanding Graduate Educator for the College of Agriculture. He also started the Journal of Vertebrate Population Dynamics to provide students a publication outlet for high-quality course projects, and has also served as a major or co-advisor to 21 graduate students, as well as serving on advisory committees for more than 30 others.



Rob Swihart presented with the 2016 Hoosier Wildlife Award

Rob has led many large-scale initiatives in the region and Indiana. Recently, he was instrumental in organizing the Hardwood Ecosystem Experiment (HEE) and currently serves as co-PI and executive committee member for the HEE. Over 20 graduate students from Purdue University, Ball State University, and Indiana State University have completed their research as part of the HEE. He has guided management policy of wildlife statewide throughout his professional career. Dr. Swihart has served as an expert witness in front of Indiana's General Assembly and in court proceedings related to wildlife, as well as serving on the DNR's Mammal Technical Advisory Committee for 17 years. Rob has also served in editorial capacities of various wildlife journals, and is a highly esteemed researcher in population ecology.

Congratulations to Dr. Rob Swihart and thanks you for all of your contributions to Indiana's wildlife!

# Student Chapter Updates



**PURDUE** - Once again, the 2016 Spring Semester provided many opportunities for members! We were able to be involved with herp surveys, trips,

working group activities, Purdue events, and attending conclave. There was a noticeable increase in member involvement and interest in all of these. Our biweekly meetings ranged from presentations given by students about hunting management to outdoor Wildlife Olympics and a chance to test everyone's knowledge and skills! The four working groups (birds, herps, mammals, and hunting) provided more experiences such as

birding and herping outings, as well as squirrel hunts and learning how to prep museum specimens, all led by students!

In February, we were able to visit Cook County Nature Preserve in Illinois and learn about an ongoing research project they are conducting on urban deer and coyotes. They gave us a great tour of the facilities and how they focus on wildlife disease research. Our 9 members who attended were also able to help radio collar deer and coyotes and develop hands-on skills. Everyone agreed this was a great trip and valuable learning experience!

Once spring weather arrived, the club had the opportunity to collect herpetofauna information at Lake

Maxinkuckee. Several groups conducted frog call surveys and visual encounter counts at the lake throughout March. One of our members then put together a report of the species found along with information about each one for the committee of Lake Maxinkuckee, who were very appreciative. Not only was this a way to help out in the community, but our members had a great time enjoying the warmer weather and active animals.

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**BALL STATE** - The BSU Wildlife Society had a very fun and busy spring semester!

A group of our TWS members attended the Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference in Michigan this past January and had a blast supporting Dr. Tim Carter, our chapter's supervisor, and his grad students while they shared their presentations and posters. Everyone also had fun meeting and talking with professionals from

other parts of the Midwest and hearing about all the current research going on in this part of the country.

Ball State TWS also participated in some fun volunteering days, including members helping survey a Ball State property for reptiles and amphibians. These students were taking an independent study class that was studying the densities of different species in that area. The volunteers walked around a wooded wetland area checking under logs and rocks as well as in traps specifically designed for these animals. The volunteers got to learn how these traps work and how to identify all the animals that they found. TWS also went to Providence Wildlife Rehabilitation to help clean up and reorganize their facilities. The volunteers spent the day cleaning and reorganizing around the main area where the animals were kept, and at the end of the day their director



brought out a few of the birds of prey that they had currently in their care to talk to everyone about them and why they ended up there.

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## Purdue Student Chapter Update Continued.....

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The largest event we attended during the spring was the Northeast Section Student TWS Conclave hosted by University of Wisconsin Stevens Point. This was a great time to meet other student chapters from across the Midwest! While having fun in the Wisconsin spring snowstorm, we heard from professionals about ongoing research in Wisconsin and participated in a bonfire social in the evenings, Quiz Bowl, and Wildlife Olympics. Gary Potts even came as a speaker and had some great reminders for us as students and upcoming professionals! As if this wasn't exciting enough, Purdue also volunteered to host conclave for 2017 and we're thrilled to say we have set the date for March 24-26. This is going to lead to a busy year of planning, but we have a great group of members this year who are excited and ready to get involved!

Spring 2016 proved that we have a very enthusiastic and active student chapter, which will definitely continue into the coming academic year as we look forward to new activities, trips, and hosting conclave!

*"Like" the Purdue Student Chapter on Facebook at:*  
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The Wildlife Society also participated in Ball State's own Science Day, where kids from the Muncie community could come to the Cooper Science building and walk around to fun interactive booths teaching them about the different sciences. TWS had a booth about what it's like to be a wildlife biologist studying bats. We had a mist net set up as well as other measurement tools for the kids to use. The kids all loved it and TWS volunteers had a blast inspiring a future generation of wildlife biologists!

*You can stay connected with the BSU Student Chapter on Facebook at:* [www.facebook.com/groups/BSUTWS/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/BSUTWS/)





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

- Visit our website at [www.intws.org](http://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](mailto: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!**