

Indiana Chapter of The Wildlife Society 50th Annual Spring Meeting

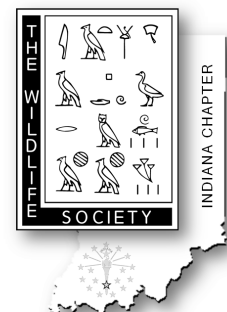
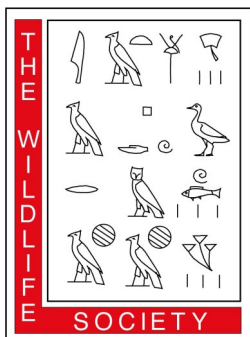
Celebrating 50 years of conservation excellence

February 27-28, 2019

Drury Plaza Hotel
Carmel, IN



Join us to celebrate 50 years of the Indiana Chapter of the Wildlife Society. Chartered in 1968, the Indiana Chapter of The Wildlife Society has served as the society representing Indiana's wildlife professionals for 50 years. Please join us to celebrate Indiana's conservation successes, take a look back at how we got to where we are today, and recognize the professionals who have achieved so much in their careers. Special guest speakers include Dr. Darren Miller—President of The Wildlife Society, John Goss - retired Indiana DNR director, and Dr. Harmon Weeks—Professor Emeritus, Purdue University.



Wednesday, February 27th		Carmel Ballroom
Time	Topic	
11:00—1:00 p.m.	Registration	
1:00	Welcome and Introduction	
1:10	Engaging People in Conservation.....Then, Now, and Tomorrow Phil Seng, Vice-President, DJ Case and Associates Dave Case, President, DJ Case and Associates	
2:00	Indiana TWS at 50 — Can we really be that old? Dr. Harmon P. Weeks Jr, Professor Emeritus, Purdue University Department of Forestry and Natural Resources	
2:40	Building Strength from Within: Perspectives as a TWS member and leader Dr. Darren A. Miller, President and Fellow, The Wildlife Society	
3:20	Break	
3:50	Reflecting on 50 Years of Indiana Conservation Successes.....And Failures Scott Johnson, Wildlife Science Program Manager, Indiana DNR Steve Backs, Wildlife Research Biologist, Indiana DNR	
4:30	Funding Wildlife Conservation in Indiana—Now and Into the Future John Goss, Retired Indiana DNR Director Brad Feaster, Indiana SWAP Coordinator	
5:30	Room Check-in and Poster Set-Up	
6:30	Awards and 50th Anniversary Recognition	
7:00	Dinner and Social	

Thursday, February 28th

Time	Topic
6:30 AM	Breakfast
8:20	Concurrent Session 1
10:20	Break
10:40	Concurrent Session 2
11:40	Student and New Professional Networking Lunch
1:00	Business Meeting

Events

The 50th Annual Indiana Chapter of the Wildlife Society Spring Meeting will feature something for all wildlife professionals. Some of the highlights include:

- Presentations from fellow Indiana wildlife professionals about how the profession has grown and changed in 50 years, and how the wildlife profession will move forward into the future.
- Awards recognizing Indiana's best and brightest wildlife professionals.
- An opportunity to hear from national TWS President Dr. Darren Miller about The Wildlife Society and how it benefits wildlife professionals around the world.
- Networking time to catch up with fellow wildlifers from around the state, including many retired professionals and students from various universities in Indiana.
- Opportunities to hear about important wildlife research being conducted in Indiana, as well as highlights of important management and habitat projects currently taking place across the state.
- A student and new professional luncheon that will allow young professionals and students to meet and network with professionals from various agencies and fields of study in Indiana.

Facilities and Lodging

The 50th Annual Indiana Chapter of the Wildlife Society Spring Meeting will be held at the Drury Plaza Hotel Indianapolis, located at 9625 North Meridian Street, Carmel, IN.

A block of rooms are held until **Friday, February 15** at the Drury Plaza Hotel in Carmel. The negotiated rate is \$119 per night, plus tax. After this date the rooms will be released and the rate is not guaranteed. Use the code "Wildlife Society" to book [online](#) or call (800) 325-0720.

The Drury Plaza Hotel offers many amenities, including a free hot breakfast including waffles, eggs, biscuits & gravy, sausage and more. Everyone will also have access to the Drury's free *Kickback* session, where you can enjoy free snacks, and cold beverages, including a variety of beer, wine, or mixed cocktails.

Registration for the conference can be found at <https://2019itws.eventbrite.com>. If you are not a member, but would like to receive the member rate, you can pay dues (only \$12!) in person at the conference, or online via PayPal at <https://www.intws.org/membership/>.

