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## The President's Message



AZTWS President David Bergman on a feral swine survey.

It is a pleasure to reach out to you as the new President for the Arizona Chapter of The Wildlife Society. I was indoctrinated into The Wildlife Society during my undergraduate studies in Nebraska. Along the way, I had multiple opportunities to work with additional student chapters, state chapters, and sections, in addition to the national program in Texas, North Dakota, the DC area, national meetings, and currently in Arizona. I am impressed with the enthusiasm I have seen among the many members of the Society and your dedication in promoting conservation across the world.

I especially want to recognize Past President Ho Yi Wan and Treasurer Kerry Griffis-Kyle for leading the way in producing a very successful virtual Joint Annual Meeting (JAM). I would be remiss if I did not also recognize the past Board, members of the Arizona Chapter, the New Mexico Chapter of The Wildlife Society, and the Arizona/New Mexico Chapter of the American Fisheries Society, moderators, behind the scenes staff, presenters, poster presenters, and all of you who attended the JAM. Each of you truly made for a successful meeting due to the parts you played through setup, attendance, or presentation.

I hope each of you were able to take away something from the meeting. For me, I am enlightened by the plenary session through the insights on diversity by Dr. Carol Chambers and Dr. Ho Yi Wan. While we continue to improve for the better as a program, there is always more wherein; we can challenge ourselves to go the extra step to be more inclusive.

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## Presidents Message cont...

I appreciate all of you who joined us for the awards ceremony. It was an honor to present on behalf of the Chapter in tribute to David E. Brown and Richard "Rock" Ockenfels. We lost both members between the last two JAMs, and their contributions to science and TWS are well renowned. I will personally miss both individuals and their insights to science. I also had the privilege to present awards to two deserving individuals. Nick Beauregard, from Northern Arizona University, received the Roger Hungerford Student Award. Nick's research centers on the breeding ecology of yellow-billed cuckoo in addition to numerous outreach contacts. The David E. Brown Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to Terry B. Johnson. Terry is a retired Arizona Game and Fish Department employee who spent considerable amounts of time working with Dave Brown throughout Arizona and Mexico. Terry's guidance, insight, and leadership brought together the Heritage Program and the former Nongame Branch at the Department. You can see impacts of Terry's stewardship through the reintroduction of numerous species including black-footed ferrets, Mexican wolves, California condors, and black-tailed prairie dogs. Terry's contributions continue as he prepares for the C.A.S.T. for Kids event to ensure disabled children can have an opportunity to experience the outdoors.

As the world has come to grips with COVID, we have seen renewed interest in the outdoors. Many of those who ventured out during COVID were new to the outdoor experience. I want to challenge each of you to renew your drive and enthusiasm for the outdoors as well. Each of you has something to contribute, whether it be the survival of a species, protection of a habitat, or reaching out to the community at large. Please take time to ensure the future of the natural world. One opportunity that is readily available around the corner is the Hassayampa Ecosystem BioBlitz ([see pg. 7](#)). There is still time to join the BioBlitz or one of the many other activities wherein you have a passion.

Please remember there is always an opportunity to give back to the profession whether in the field or office or taking time to review a manuscript for future publication. I want to thank the new members of the Board for stepping up to assist the Chapter and as a member of your professional organization. I want to thank the membership, as well, for renewing their commitment to the Society and Chapter. I hope to see many of you this year as we give back to our professional organization and ensure the outdoors for years to come.

Cheers,  
Dave



A white-belted ringtail dragonfly takes advantage of a comfortable perch.  
Credit: Scott Sprague

## Regional News

# Southwest Section Tracks

By **Kathy Granillo**  
**TWS Southwest Section Representative**

Rain is a wonderful thing (when not too violently delivered). I live in central New Mexico, and we've just received the first measurable rain of the year. Hopefully, we will all see a bit more rain as spring progresses to help alleviate the drought that much of our Section is experiencing.

I have recently returned from TWS Council meeting, which was held in Spokane, WA (where it also rained). Our meeting was in the same venue as the upcoming [TWS Annual Conference](#). I am impressed with the facility and the main conference hotel. Also, the location is hard to beat. It is adjacent to the Spokane River and the Riverfront Park. This is a beautiful river with impressive falls within easy walking distance of downtown Spokane. There are plenty of walking trails (20 miles) along the river and plenty of overlooks and benches to enjoy the views. I urge everyone to consider attending and presenting at this in-person conference. The call for abstracts is OPEN and closes April 29. The conference dates are 6–10 November 2022.

I also attended the Texas Chapter TWS annual conference in Marble Falls (where it also rained). Another beautiful location, although a bit cold and blustery while we were there, which was fine as there were plenty of things to do indoors at the conference.

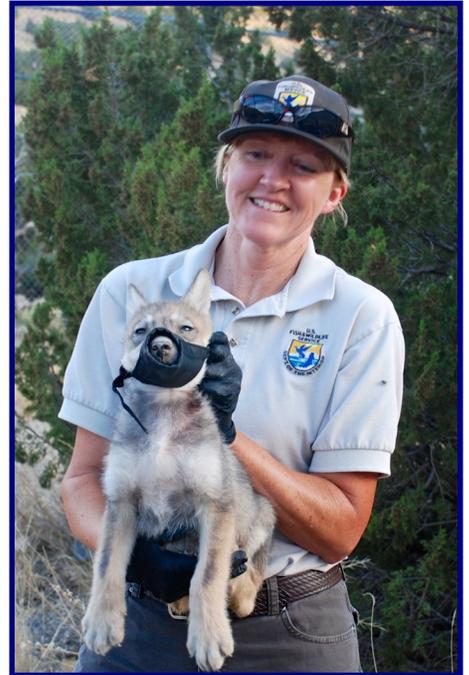
Congrats to the Chapter for putting together a great event. It was wonderful to see people in person, and the Chapter did its best to create a safe, healthy setting.

The TWS Council is dedicated to getting out and meeting with Chapters and Sections. Bob Lanka (Vice President TWS) and Nick Wesdock (TWS Business Relations and Conferences Manager) both attended the Texas Chapter conference. Hopefully, the next JAM will in person and I will be able to meet many of you in person, and perhaps we can get another Council member to attend, too.

At the Council meeting, we addressed topics ranging from the budget of TWS to the next round of strategic planning for the Society. We reviewed reports from the Working Groups, which are all doing great things for wildlife and conservation. If you have any interest in contributing your energy and knowledge towards wildlife conservation, I urge you to join a Working Group or two. The entire list of Working Groups can be found on the [website](#).

Council is also revising five position statements this year:

- Global Climate Change and Wildlife
- U.S. Endangered Species Act
- Firearms
- Lead in Ammunition and Fishing Tackle
- Livestock Grazing on Rangelands in the Western U.S.



Southwest Section Representative  
Kathy Granillo with a wolf pup.

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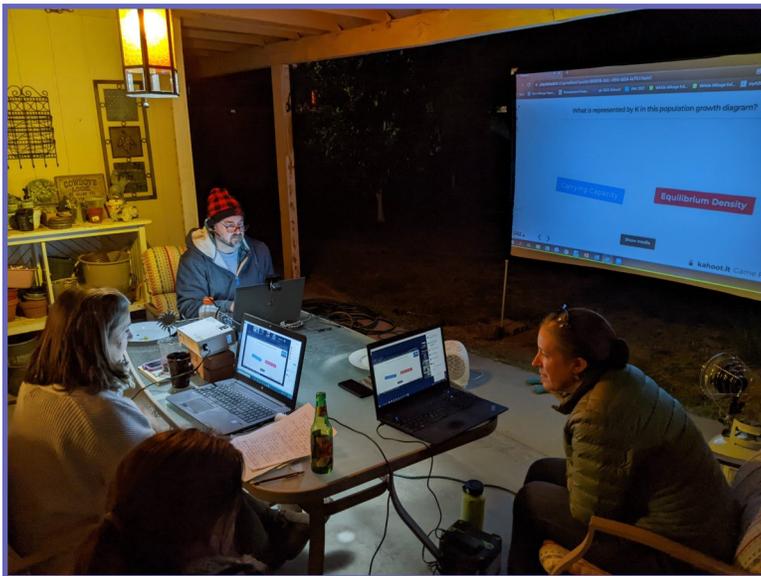
You can see all position statements and associated documents on the TWS [policy webpage](#). The Working Groups are all being given a chance to weigh in on these position statements, another good reason to join a Working Group.

I mentioned above that we are doing some strategic planning for the Society – we would love to hear your feedback on TWS, especially on how to engage and retain members, and to broaden our membership in an inclusive way.

Sincerely,  
Kathy  
[KGBirder55@gmail.com](mailto:KGBirder55@gmail.com)

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## Quiz Bowl Goes Virtual!



The Quiz Bowl Committee shivers the night away while hosting the fun trivia event. Credit: Heather Bateman

The show must go on! Each year, during the Joint Annual Meeting (JAM) of the Arizona and New Mexico chapters of The Wildlife Society and American Fisheries Society, we host a Quiz Bowl that enables students to test their knowledge in a fun, competitive format. The 2021 event was canceled due to the pandemic, but we were determined to make it happen in 2022.

With the virtual JAM format, the Quiz Bowl Committee tried out a new platform. Thanks to the expertise of Scott Sprague, we transitioned to the virtual Kahoot! platform. We were able to offer both student competition rounds and fun rounds open to all participants. Questions ranged from serious (“What do you call a group of bats?”) to humorous (“What game is the birdification of WORDLE?”). Moderator Audrey Owens

walked us through the questions, providing accurate pronunciation and entertaining commentary.

Four student teams participated, two from New Mexico State University and two from Arizona State University. The first competitive round included all four teams; the team with the lowest score was eliminated at the end of each round. The final student competition was between “NMSU Fishies” and “ASU Team 1.” It was a great showing, and the students played very well – these were hard questions!

Congratulations to NMSU students Thomas Serrano, Hailey Norman, Evan Torres, and Sarah Shank for winning the student competition! They will receive complimentary JAM registration next year. Joel Gilb won the fun round and received a copy of the book [Crap Taxidermy](#).

Huge thanks to the Quiz Bowl Committee members: Heather Bateman, Stephanie Herbert, Holly Hicks, Brett Montgomery, Audrey Owens, Scott Sprague, and Tiffany Sprague. If you would like to help plan the 2023 Quiz Bowl, please contact [Stephanie Herbert](#).

Thanks to everyone who joined. We look forward to seeing you at JAM 2023!

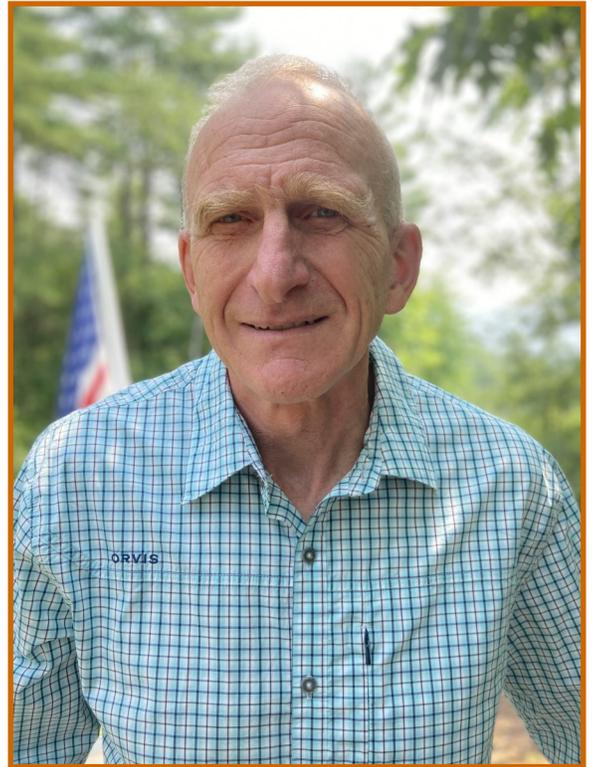
## National News

# A Few Observations on The Wildlife Society

*By Gordon R. Batcheller  
President, The Wildlife Society*

The state chapters are the heart and soul of The Wildlife Society. I am grateful to have this opportunity to touch base with you via this newsletter. When you serve on TWS Council, it's easy to get wrapped up with the details of managing a ~12,000-member organization with about a \$3 million budget and working with our highly capable full-time employees to manage our conference, publications, and membership. All important, but I greatly value staying grounded by visiting members at the grassroots level. In this way, I learn of your concerns, your ideas, your hopes for TWS.

In early March, I attended an in-person meeting of the Arkansas Chapter. This was my first professional in-person gathering since March 2020. Our 2022 conference in Spokane, Washington, will be a live event. I hope to see you there. It will be a celebration. As your President, I have the privilege of helping to shape the theme of the annual conference, including setting the tone for the plenary. We will be meeting in an area with a rich heritage and history, and I don't mean the history that started with Lewis and Clark. Like Arizona, with 21 tribes, the Pacific Northwest is home to dozens of tribes who thrived on the fish and wildlife resources of those verdant ecosystems. To honor that heritage, I am working to ensure that our conference celebrates the accomplishments of tribal fish and wildlife biologists. While the details need fleshing out, I hope that our conference in 2022 will be remembered as a time and place to celebrate the tribal wildlife management experience.



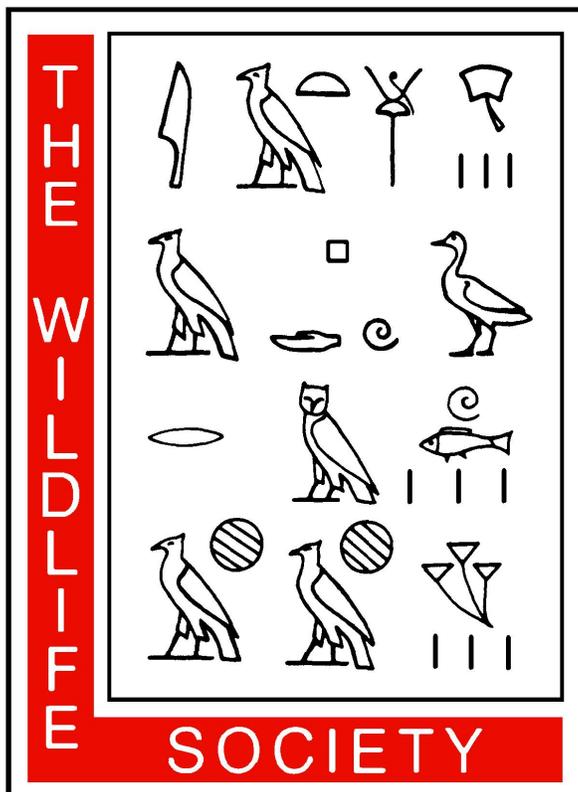
TWS President Gordon Batcheller

In early May, our new CEO Dr. Ed Arnett and several members of Council will travel to Washington, D.C., to meet with several conservation partners and leaders of federal agencies. This is a follow-up to several virtual meetings held earlier this year. We are working to ensure that The Wildlife Society is known as a respected, science-based, professional organization with a stake in national conservation policy. As with most things in life, this is greatly enhanced when personal relationships are built and maintained. All of us on Council along with TWS staff are fully committed to ensure we are impactful in forming wildlife policy nationally. You are already doing this in Arizona. Thank you!

As I have traveled and met with members since being elected Vice President in 2019, I have confessed that there is really nothing special about me. Many other wildlife professionals are much more accomplished than yours truly. Yet I am writing you as your President. My trajectory started in my student chapter at the University of Maine. When there was a need for an officer (first Treasurer, then President), I said "yes." As a freshly minted wildlife biologist in New York, I also said "yes" to several

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opportunities in our state chapter. Later, I was recruited to serve both on the Certification Review Board and then on the Editorial Advisory Board for *The Wildlife Professional*. I met and worked with people whom I respected and vice versa. When I was contacted to consider running as your Vice President, I was flabbergasted. This was utterly unexpected. The point is that leadership opportunities are available to anyone who is willing to say “yes” and then fulfills their obligations with imagination and energy. I hope you consider this, as you contemplate your own role in The Wildlife Society. Right now, we have six men and six women on Council, the most diverse ever. We need leaders to step forward from all walks in this profession of ours. Sometimes it takes active recruiting. So find someone in Arizona whom you feel would make a strong leader and encourage them to step up and accept a leadership opportunity. That “someone” might be you. We have plenty of opportunities for leadership at the chapter, section, and working group level. When we establish diversity in our leadership roster, we become stronger. We want TWS to be strong, don’t we?

[Send me your ideas!](#)

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## Interested in a Leadership Role?

AZTWS has open vacancies for Chair Committee positions. Join us and make a difference in your Arizona wildlife community. The following positions are available:

1. **Conservation Affairs Chair** — This position includes review of regulatory, planning, environmental, and other issues related to wildlife and their habitat in Arizona. Duties include soliciting, recommending, and preparation of materials related to conservation issues. The Chair is also responsible for an annual summary of conservation affairs to be distributed in the AZTWS Annual Report.
2. **Continuing Education Chair** — This position works with the Treasurer and Senior Board Member to receive and review Continuing Education applications and for granting awards.
3. **Events and Opportunities Chair** — This position involves acquiring information related to events and opportunities that may be of interest of Chapter members and distributing them to committee members in charge of Chapter outreach.

Please contact us at [aztws@gmail.com](mailto:aztws@gmail.com) to inquire.



# BioBlitz

Calling all Arizona Citizen Scientists

Join us at the 2022 Blitz!

When: 9–11 April 2022

Where: Hassayampa Ecosystems

[Learn more and register](#)

**What is a BioBlitz?** A BioBlitz is an intense period of biological surveying in an attempt to record all the living species within a designated area. Teams of volunteer scientists, naturalists, teachers, students, families, and other community members work together to find and identify as many species of plants, animals, microbes, fungi, and other organisms as possible during a certain time and place (usually 24 hours). There is a public component to many BioBlitzes, with the goal of stimulating interest in biodiversity.

The Hassayampa Ecosystem BioBlitz will occur west of Phoenix in the White Tank, Belmont, and Vulture Mountains, as well as the Hassayampa River Preserve and lowlands that connect these areas.

**Please join us!** Learn more about the event, register as a Blitzer, and sign up for excursions [online](#).

Questions? Contact [AZBioBlitzHub@gmail.com](mailto:AZBioBlitzHub@gmail.com)

# Our Neck of The Woods...

## Chiricahua Leopard Frog Pond Restorations

*By Audrey Owens,*

*Ranid Frogs Project Coordinator, Arizona Game and Fish Department*



A Chiricahua leopard frog from the Huachuca Mountains. Credit: Audrey Owens

populations in the Huachuca Mountains for more than two decades. In fact, the Beattys were one of the first private landowners to enroll their property in the Department's CLF safe harbor program and have renewed their enrollment through 2051. However, the 2011 Monument Fire, followed by a major flood event, reduced the amount of CLF habitat on the property when two ponds filled with sediment. As of 2021, the Beatty property had just two other smaller, well-fed ponds that held water. Although the property still produced valuable frog egg masses that we use for establishing and securing other CLF populations, the lost habitat needed to be restored to increase resilience into the future. In

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In February, Arizona Game and Fish Department biologists joined forces with Bat Conservation International (BCI) and Tom Biebighauser of Wetland Restoration and Training, LLC, to reconstruct two ponds in the Huachuca Mountains to benefit Chiricahua leopard frogs (CLF) and other wildlife.

The Beatty Guest Ranch, a private property in the Huachuca Mountains in southeastern Arizona, has been an important refuge for CLF since 1999, when the Beatty family worked with the Department to reconstruct a large pond and to establish a CLF population at the site. The Beattys are an invaluable frog conservation partner, and their property has been a source of frogs for other CLF



Tom Beatty stands at the location of the former Beatty Pond, which was filled in with sediment following a flood event after the 2011 Monument Fire. Credit: Audrey Owens

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early 2022, the Department, BCI, and Wetland Restoration and Training reconstructed the ponds to restore CLF habitat to help secure the ponds against drought and climate change.

We also removed nonnative mosquitofish from the Beatty's ponds, and in February they enrolled in the Department's topminnow safe harbor program. We will release leopard frogs and topminnow into the new ponds once it warms up. Although projects like this are designed for frogs, during the severe drought in 2020 and 2021, restored springs and well-fed habitats for frogs proved critical for all wildlife when surrounding aquatic sites on the landscape dried. The Department's Ranid Frogs Project, along with BCI, Wetland Restoration and Training, US Forest Service, US Fish and Wildlife Service, and many other partners have teamed up to create or restore more than two dozen wetland habitats for CLF and other wildlife since 2011.



Arizona Game and Fish biologists Ian Latella (left) and Tim Snow (right) and volunteer Rafal Banas secure the water source to the newly reconstructed Frog Pond, using a liner and rocks. Credit: Audrey Owens



The newly reconstructed Beatty Pond. Credit: Audrey Owens

# White Mountain Apache Tribe: Leaders in Threatened and Endangered Species Conservation

By Sarah E. Rinkevich,  
Fish and Wildlife Biologist, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

The White Mountain Apache Tribe (WMAT) has historically managed its land with practices that conserve the natural resources while meeting the cultural and economic needs of the people. The Tribe's connection with the land and its resources has ensured that natural beauty and productivity will be available for future generations. The WMAT supports federally-listed endangered species and tribally sensitive species on their homeland, the Fort Apache Indian Reservation.

The Apache trout (*Oncorhynchus apache*) is native to the Salt and Little Colorado river basins above 1800 m elevation in the White Mountains in east-central Arizona and is listed as a threatened species under the Endangered Species Act. Apache trout streams that have been the focus of recovery occur on lands owned and managed primarily by the WMAT on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation. The WMAT has been an instrumental partner in the Apache trout conservation on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation. The WMAT's Game and Fish Department's Fish Biologists were instrumental in the development of the Species Status Assessment, which provides a comprehensive review of the status, viability, and resiliency of the Apache trout. The WMAT was a primary partner and signatory to the Cooperative Management Plan for the Apache trout, along with relevant action agencies, to collaboratively work toward continued conservation efforts for the species.



Apache trout.



Mexican gray wolf.

Mexican gray wolves (*Canis lupus baileyi*) were considered extirpated in the southwestern United States as of the early 1960s. A captive breeding program began when five wolves were captured in Mexico in the early 1980s. This breeding program was successful and led to the reintroduction of Mexican wolves in the Southwest in 1998. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service initially released wolves onto National Forest land adjacent to the Fort Apache Indian Reservation. Offering prime habitat for Mexican wolf recovery, the Fort Apache Indian Reservation covers roughly 1.6 million acres adjacent to the wolf recovery area. In less than six months after the initial release of 11 wolves, they

began occupying eastern portions of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation. In 2020, the estimated wolf population within Arizona and New Mexico was a roughly 160. A small portion of this population occurs on the Reservation. The WMAT is the only Tribe fully cooperating in recovering this highly endangered subspecies; thus, the WMAT is an extremely important partner in establishing a

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sustainable and delisted population. These relations demonstrate that the Tribe holds a unique and important guidance role for other native peoples.

The WMAT monitors and manages other threatened and endangered fish species native to Arizona as well as listed birds and amphibians. According to Dr. Stuart Leon, Director of the WMAT's Game and Fish Department, "the Tribe seeks to manage the diverse life forms that inhabit the Reservation to help ensure their conservation and long-term sustainability."

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## Upcoming Conferences

### Western PARC Joint Annual Networking Extravaganza!



The Western Partners in Amphibian and Reptile Conservation (PARC) Joint Annual Networking Extravaganza, the virtual joint meeting of SW PARC and NW PARC, will be **7-9 April 2022**. Join leaders in amphibian and reptile conservation for their first joint Western PARC Virtual Networking Extravaganza. Festivities include a Hoppy Hour, trivia, invited talks, networking sessions, and more!

Learn more and register [online](#).

### Annual Meeting of the American Society of Mammalogists

The 101st Annual Meeting of the American Society of Mammalogists will be **17-21 June 2022** in Tucson, Arizona, with options for in-person or virtual attendance. Learn about the latest advances in the study of mammals and interact with researchers and educators specializing in these fascinating animals.



Check out the [conference website](#) for more information.

### Global Amphibian & Reptile Disease Conference



The 2022 Global Amphibian and Reptile Disease (GARD) Conference will be held in Knoxville, Tennessee, **4-10 August 2022**. The conference will bring together scientists from across the globe to discuss amphibian and reptile diseases, organize facilitated discussions on the similarities and differences among host-pathogen systems, and identify disease management strategies that can be used to ensure the conservation of herpetofauna species for generations to come!

You can [register](#) to participate in-person or virtually. [Travel grants](#) are available to help increase geographic, ethnic, and gender diversity at GARD, and priority will be given to students and early career professionals.

For more information, visit the [conference website](#).

## Meet Your 2022 AZTWS Executive Board!

### President: David Bergman

David is the State Director for the United States Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Wildlife Services' Arizona Program, focusing on Mexican wolves, urban coyotes, invasive species, plague, and rabies. He has been involved with The Wildlife Society since his undergraduate career at University of Nebraska-Kearney and has served at the local chapter, section, and national levels. He looks forward to continuing his service to TWS.



### President-Elect: Sarah Rinkevich

Sarah is a biologist with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, working on endangered species conservation in the Branch of Recovery and Restoration. She works extensively with Tribes on management and conservation of threatened and endangered species on Tribal lands within the Southwest. She received her Master's degree from Humboldt State University and her Ph.D. in Wildlife Conservation from the University of Arizona, focusing on a reintroduced population of Mexican gray wolves on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation, homeland to the White Mountain Apache Tribe.

### Treasurer: Kerry Griffis-Kyle

Kerry is an Associate Professor at Texas Tech University, where she works to address issues of site quality, habitat selection, spatial planning, and vulnerability assessments to improve our ability to effectively manage wildlife. She received her Master's degree from Northern Arizona University and Ph.D. from Syracuse University. She completed her postdoctoral work at New Mexico State University before starting as faculty at Texas Tech. She frequently visits Arizona and looks forward to continuing her service to AZTWS.



### Recording Secretary: Christina Kondrat

Chrissy is a biologist with the Arizona Game and Fish Department. Her primary duty is handling the state's scientific collecting licenses. In addition, she works on a number of nongame bird projects, is co-coordinator of the Desert Thrasher Working Group, and is involved with the AZ MOTUS Network.

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### Corresponding Secretary: Lola Van Pelt

Lola is the Rabies Biologist for Wildlife Services and has been a regional flyer with the National Rabies Management Program, dropping vaccines for wildlife across the U.S. She is a native Arizonan, born in Prescott and growing up in the Verde Valley. She received her B.S. in Forestry from Northern Arizona University and then began a career with a variety of programs focused on agricultural pests and documenting wildlife at renewable energy sites. When not working for wildlife, Lola enjoys gardening, hiking, and sewing.



### Board Member: José Martínez-Fonseca

José is a Nicaraguan biologist and Ph.D. candidate at Northern Arizona University, focusing on improving our understanding of the effects of anthropogenic disturbances on bat species and communities in Nicaragua. His work includes capturing bats in the field, analyzing DNA material for diet in the lab, and computational analyses using GIS layers for landscape analyses. He has also worked extensively with other species of mammals, amphibians, and reptiles in the neotropics and the Southwestern U.S. José is also a wildlife photographer and enjoys spending time in the forests and deserts looking for all kinds of critters.

### Board Member: Jesse Lewis

Jesse is an Assistant Professor at Arizona State University, where his work focuses on population and community ecology, habitat relationships of species, and disturbance ecology. Jesse and his graduate students work across the ecologically diverse landscapes of Arizona, ranging from the Sonoran desert of the Phoenix Valley evaluating urban ecology of wildlife to the high elevation forests in the White Mountains evaluating how wildlife respond to mixed-severity wildfire. Jesse is excited to work with AZTWS to help disseminate valuable information to the profession and connect a wide range of students and professionals who share a passion for wildlife and conservation.



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# THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

Leaders in Wildlife Science, Management and Conservation

# Congratulations to the AZTWS Chapter Award Winners!

## Roger Hungerford Student Award

*Nick Beauregard*

The Roger Hungerford Student Award is given to a student who, while attending an Arizona college or university, made significant contributions to the management and conservation of Arizona’s wildlife and/or habitat. The award is given in memory of one of Arizona’s finest research biologists, Roger Hungerford.

As a graduate student at Northern Arizona University, Nick has excelled in his study of the western distinct population segment of the yellow-billed cuckoo. He is deeply committed to conservation of Arizona’s wildlife and has formed a deep connection with the southern Arizona landscape. His work has had significant impact by informing habitat protection for a threatened population. Through his role as a Teaching Assistant, he has also contributed to the education of the next generation of wildlife professionals. His students value his mastery of the materials, patience in explaining concepts, and genuine concern for student progress. Thank you, Nick, for all you do for Arizona’s wildlife and those who study it!



## David E. Brown Lifetime Achievement Award

*Terry Johnson*

Our most prestigious award, the David E. Brown Lifetime Achievement Award recognizes an individual for his or her accomplishments in wildlife biology and management over their lifetime.

Terry has been a stalwart in wildlife conservation since the 1970s. He has studied wildlife locally and afar, helping to better understand species and management needs while educating the public and students. Working with The Nature Conservancy, he helped protect some of Arizona’s prized areas, such as Aravaipa Creek and Muleshoe Ranch. He has been instrumental in conservation of Arizona’s species, working to create the Arizona Natural Heritage Program and helping to develop and lead the Nongame and Endangered Wildlife Program at Arizona Game and Fish Department. Terry also made significant contributions to national partnerships, including the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies. Thank you, Terry, for all of your hard work!



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**Submit a nomination!** We encourage you to nominate deserving individuals for future awards. You can learn more about our awards and past winners at <https://aztws.com/past-award-winners>. Submit nominations at any time to Awards Committee Chair [Sarah Rinkevich](#).

# SHARE YOUR AZ WILDLIFE STORIES

Want to share your Arizona wildlife stories and perspectives? Please consider submitting **articles, stories, project updates, events, and pictures** for upcoming newsletters! AZTWS welcomes all contributors.

### *The Arizona Wildlifer* Deadlines

Issue	Deadline
<b>Summer 2022</b>	<b>Jun 17, 2022</b>
<b>Fall 2022</b>	<b>Sep 16, 2022</b>

Email submissions at any time to [aztwseeditor@gmail.com](mailto:aztwseeditor@gmail.com).

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## Continuing Education Grants

AZTWS offers \$2,500 annually in [Continuing Education Grants](#) to its members (including professionals, graduate and undergraduate students) to support education and career advancement opportunities. Grant requests should not exceed \$500 per application and only one grant is awarded per person, per year. Grants are limited to current Chapter members only; membership dues are \$6/year. Join or renew [here](#).



Applications can be submitted at any time and will be reviewed quarterly by the Continuing Education Committee. Applicants will be notified within 30 days of the Committee's review. The Committee evaluates applications based on your explanation of how the activity will enhance your career development, your financial need, your efforts to obtain supplemental funding, and your involvement in Chapter activities. AZTWS encourages applicants from under-represented individuals and groups.

Submit Your  
Application [Online](#)



## *AZTWS News & Resources*

The [Arizona Chapter of The Wildlife Society](#) is dedicated to promoting sound management and conservation of Arizona's wildlife resources and strives to be the preeminent resource for Arizona's community of scientists, managers, educators, students, technicians, planners, and others working to manage and conserve wildlife and habitats in the state. To help you keep up with AZTWS's resources, opportunities, and happenings, we hope that you find the following hotlinks useful:

- **Members** gain access to numerous opportunities; if you are not yet a member, sign up [here](#). Annual dues are only \$6!
- **AZTWS's Web Store** is live! Show your support by gifting cool AZTWS swag to others (or splurging for yourself). Proceeds support AZTWS resources, including conference events and our Continuing Education Grant. [Shop now!](#) [You can also support AZTWS's Mission by [donating](#) discretely or in monthly recurrences.]
- Support others and help increase representation in Arizona's natural resource fields by **gifting a AZTWS membership** (1-year) – [details here](#).
- Looking for that older issue of *The Arizona Wildlifer*? **All issues** are freely accessible [here!](#)
- Our parent society, TWS, emphasizes important resources for **[diversity, equity, and inclusion](#)** throughout the wildlife profession. AZTWS also strives to uphold these values.
- Want to get more involved with your Chapter? Check out the information available on our [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [website](#) for opportunities.
- AZTWS has vacancies for several Committee Chair positions. See [page 6](#) for details.
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