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## President's Message

Stu Tuttle 2012 President Southwest Section of The Wildlife Society



Hello, Southwest Section TWS members. I would like to start by thanking the outgoing and incoming Board members, who faithfully serve the Section, including SW Section Representative **Carol Chambers**, (AZ) who performed splendidly and continues to help with the board on on-going issues. **Selma Glasscock** (TX) continues with the Board as Past-President, and **John O'Dell** (AZ) continues as Secretary-Treasurer. We welcome **Misty Sumner** (TX) as the President-Elect and thanks to **Renae Held** (NM) for taking on the task of Newsletter Editor.

This last year, the Section was re-energized with the introduction of two newsletters, our website finally going live, and we hosted a session at the SW Section-Texas Chapter TWS joint meeting in Ft Worth. Our membership also increased and we held our first face-to-face meeting of the SW Section Executive Board in several years.

To help strengthen the SW Section TWS, the executive board is going to concentrate on the following areas over the next year.

- 1) Membership:** we hope to increase membership (at a mere \$5 per person per year) by 20%. This will mean increasing from 265 to 318, or 53 new/returning members.
- 2) Continue with at least two Newsletters** (This issue and another next fall)
- 3) Redo the By-laws** using the national by-laws template.
- 4) Establish a strong Conservation Affairs Committee** to address issues that affect large portions of the Section.
- 5) Award 9 more \$100 application fee scholarships** for certification as Associate Wildlife Biologist (AWB) or Certified Wildlife Biologist (CWB). For more information, contact me at [stu.tuttle@az.usda.gov](mailto:stu.tuttle@az.usda.gov).
- 6) Increase Mexico and Costa Rica** chapter participation and membership.



Michael E. Tewes and Paul Krausman - SW Section-TX Chapter TWS joint meeting

We look forward to continuing the progress started last year. Please do not hesitate to contact us with your ideas and especially if you would like to become more involved in Section activities. Thanks to every one of you for your professional commitment and dedication to Southwest's wildlife resources.

**Stu Tuttle**  
SW Section TWS President, 2012

[stu.tuttle@az.usda.gov](mailto:stu.tuttle@az.usda.gov)



SW Section-Texas Chapter TWS joint meeting



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## What's Happening with TWS

Carol Chambers, Southwest Section Representative to Council

We are still getting some snow in northern Arizona but we are happy for the precipitation. I have updates from TWS mid-year Council meeting and SW Section to share.

**Section News:** We held our first, in a long time, SW Section Business Meeting in conjunction with the SW Section and Texas Chapter TWS joint meeting. Look for minutes on our web site soon (<http://joomla.wildlife.org/SW/>). All Section officers and 8 members were present including TWS President Paul Krausman. We discussed elections, updating Section Bylaws, SW Section audit (balance is just over \$10,000), and ways to grow our bank balance. The SW Section Board (Selma Glasscock, Stu Tuttle, Misty Sumner, and Johnathan O'Dell) and Program Chair Amy Turner did a great job organizing and presenting a symposium on wildlife border issues that was very well attended (>100 people) and included a presentation by President Krausman. Shannon Pederson from the national office held a certification workshop. Our plan is to alternate SW Section meetings among member states.

**National News:** At the midyear Council meeting we discussed budget issues, condensing our 50 position statements to a smaller and more effective number, the Conservation Leaders Summit sponsored by TWS, and an affinity program for TWS (we need your input on this—please see article elsewhere in this newsletter). Membership in TWS and SW Section is up for the third year in a row (140, 158, and 249 members in 2009, 2010, and 2011, respectively). Our conferences are going strong. Plan to attend the upcoming 2012 Annual Conference in Portland Oregon. The conference website is open at <http://wildlife.org>. This is our 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of TWS, annual conferences are a great way to network, and we expect this conference to be one of our best attended ever with special events planned to celebrate the anniversary. Our international conference, the IV International Wildlife Management Congress (IWMC), is coming up in July and will be held in Durban, South Africa. Registration for the IWMC is open at <http://iwmc2012.org/content/registration>. The TWS website is going through a major redesign, look for the new site to go live in April. It looks great and has a cleaner, more intuitive structure on the home page.

Here are some things for **YOU** to do:

- Review and comment on the 3-page **Wildlife Disease Position Statement** through June 1 <http://joomla.wildlife.org/documents/positionstatements/wildlife.disease.draft.pdf>.
- Get a copy of the newly-published 7th edition of **The Wildlife Techniques Manual** edited by SW Section member Nova J. Silvy (Texas Chapter TWS). TWS members get a 25% discount.
- Read the **Blue Ribbon Panel on the Future of the Wildlife Profession and Its Implications for How We Train Wildlife Professionals** (<http://joomla.wildlife.org/documents/blue.ribbon.panel.final.report.pdf>) now available and an electronic version of the Blue Ribbon Panel Report will be sent to National Association of Fish and Wildlife University Programs members
- **Lead and Wildlife Fact Sheet** – this 2 pager reports on threats of, effects of exposure, and alternatives to use of lead ammunition and fishing tackle (<http://joomla.wildlife.org/documents/policy/Lead.Fact.Sheet.pdf>).

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Carol Chambers, Southwest Section Representative to Council

Finally, I wanted you to know about the passing of 2 important long-term members of our Section, Dr. Warren Ballard and Dr. James Teer, both from Texas.

### Dr. Warren B. Ballard, Jr. (April 28, 1947 - January 12, 2012)

Dr. Ballard, widely-published author, editor (including of the TWS Wildlife Society Bulletin), and nationally-recognized professor in Texas Tech University's Department of Natural Resources Management, passed away peacefully at his Lubbock home after a brave fight with pancreatic cancer. Dr. Ballard's family requested donations to a TTU scholarship in his memory.

### Dr. James G. Teer (March 13, 1926 - March 19, 2012)

Dr. Teer, Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences at Texas A&M University and Third Director of the Welder Foundation, passed away peacefully with his family at his home near College Station. The family requested that contributions in his name be sent to the Texas Chapter TWS for the James G. Teer Conservation Leadership Institute.

As always if you have questions or comments for me, please contact me – email is best at this time ([carol.chambers@nau.edu](mailto:carol.chambers@nau.edu)).

## SWS Executive Board

Misty Sumner (right) was recently elected as the new President-Elect for the Southwest Section of The Wildlife Society. Misty and Renae Held both were excellent candidates, and we greatly appreciate their willingness to serve the SWS.



I am honored to have been elected and to serve as your President-Elect of the SWS of TWS. I figure the best way to introduce myself is to issue a challenge. I challenge each of you to recruit **at least** one new member before the start of The Wildlife Society's 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference October 13, 2012 in Portland. As Byron Garrett once said "*Being a man or a woman is a matter of birth. Being a man or a woman who makes a difference is a matter of choice.*" I choose to make a difference, do you? ~ Misty Sumner

### 2012 Southwest Section TWS officers

Stuart Tuttle - President, [stu.tuttle@az.usda.gov](mailto:stu.tuttle@az.usda.gov)

Misty Sumner – President-Elect, [MMIISSTYY@aol.com](mailto:MMIISSTYY@aol.com)

Johnathan O'Dell – Secretary/Treasurer, [JOdell@azgfd.gov](mailto:JOdell@azgfd.gov)

Carol Chambers – Southwest Section Representative to TWS Council, [carol.chambers@nau.edu](mailto:carol.chambers@nau.edu)

Selma Glasscock - Past-President, [sglasscock@welderwildlife.org](mailto:sglasscock@welderwildlife.org)

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## History Lesson

Carol Chambers, Southwest Section Representative to Council

In the latest edition of The Wildlife Professional (Spring 2012), Editor-in-Chief Lisa Moore talks about the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of TWS which we'll celebrate this fall in Portland, Oregon at our national meeting. The past is so important. By reviewing our history, we remember our leaders, actions, and accomplishments. In a previous newsletter, Selma Glasscock sent out a request for history about the Southwest Section and she received an interesting letter from Roger Bumstead with great information on our Section. Here's an excerpt of his letter:

*Dear Selma,*

*I thank you for sending me the Southwest Section News of December 2011.*

*You are correct in that I do not have a email address, simply because I do not have a computer!!*

*I am 86 years old as of January 14<sup>th</sup>. I worked as a Wildlife Biologist since July 1951 and the following 35 years. Ten years with the Arizona Game and Fish Department and 25 years with the U.S. Forest Service.*

*I joined The Wildlife Society in January 1950 during my Senior year at the U of Illinois. I was acknowledged as a Certified Wildlife Biologist in October, 1979.*

*In the spring of 1962 the New Mexico and Arizona State Chapters of TWS met in Glenwood, New Mexico and formed the original Southwest Section of TWS. I consider myself a charter member of the Southwest Section as a result of that meeting.*

*I have a list of the beginning officers of the Southwest Section for 1962 to 1968 for your information.*

	<b>President</b>	<b>V. President</b>	<b>Sec/Treasurer</b>
<b>1962</b>	Sam Lomb	Dr. Charles Hungerford	Robert Jantzen
<b>1963</b>	Dr. Charles Hungerford	Dr. John Wood	Robert Jantzen
<b>1964</b>	Dr. John Wood	Robert Jantzen	Duncan MacDonald
<b>1965</b>	Robert Jantzen	Duncan MacDonald	Phil Cospser
<b>1966</b>	Duncan MacDonald	Phil Cospser	J. C. Germany
<b>1967</b>	Phil Cospser	J. C. Germany	Erwin Boeker
<b>1968</b>	J. C. Germany	?	Roger Bumstead

*I hope this information is helpful to you!*

*Roger Bumstead*

Please help us to continue to reconstruct the history of our Section. If you have information about the Southwest Section, contact Selma Glasscock ([sglasscock@welderwildlife.org](mailto:sglasscock@welderwildlife.org); Voice: 361-364-2643, Welder Wildlife Foundation, P.O. Box 1400, Sinton, Texas 78387).

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## Candidates for SW Section Rep

The Wildlife Society announces candidates for positions on TWS Council. Newly elected members of TWS Council will be installed at the 19th Annual Conference, October 15, in Portland, Oregon. Members of The Wildlife Society ([www.wildlife.org](http://www.wildlife.org)) will receive information on electronic voting.

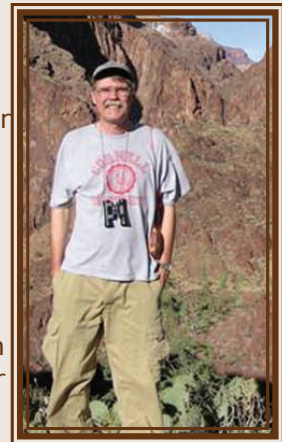
### Carol Chambers

It has been such a pleasure serving as the Southwest Section Representative to Council these past 2-1/2 years that I am seeking re-election. I have learned a lot and enjoyed meeting and working with many members in the Southwest at meetings in Texas, New Mexico, and Arizona. For those of you who don't know me, I have been involved in The Wildlife Society for the past 20 years in a number of roles. My goals for serving as SW Section Rep were to increase communication among members of the Section and build student involvement. Here are some of the things I have accomplished: established the first Southwest Section newsletter (initial goal 2 per year; mailed the first in April and second in December and also found the first official editor to take over its management), developed a ListServ for quick messaging to members, created a Facebook page to reach more students (The Wildlife Society Southwest Section Chapters Hub), encouraged diversity within TWS by initiating a Women of Wildlife mixer at the national TWS meeting (the event was a great success), supported SW Section sponsorship of a special session on wildlife and fire for the upcoming Southwest Fire Ecology Conference, helped develop a list of wildlifera in Mexico for outreach from our national TWS office, and I am serving on the organizing committee for the upcoming 4th International Wildlife Management Congress in South Africa (July 2012). I would be honored to continue representing SW Section members at Council with the fantastic support from our Section elected representatives. We have a lot of good going on here!



### James (Jim) Ramakka

It is an honor to be asked to be a candidate for Southwest Section Representative. I live in New Mexico and more than half of my career has been spent in the Southwest. Over the last 40 years TWS Chapter and Section meetings, newsletters, and activities have played a major role in acquainting me with local issues and introducing me to the key wildlife players in each state or region where I have worked. Twenty-five years ago, discussions of impacts of livestock grazing and forest management practices dominated the annual joint meetings of the New Mexico and Arizona Chapters of TWS. Today you can add to those issues concerns over oil and gas leasing, wind and solar energy projects, climate change, fire management, invasive species, diseases such as white nose syndrome and West Nile virus, and many other topics. Issues like these are not going to go away and are not confined to individual states. The TWS State Chapters and Southwest Section have worked to highlight cross border issues to TWS as a whole. As a professional society we need to look beyond our own borders and continue to support efforts to involve our Mexican and Latin American colleagues in TWS. The Southwest Section provides a key function in strengthening communication between the existing strong TWS State Chapters as bringing students into the professional fold. Selma Glasscock and Carol Chambers have done great job of laying the foundation for a more effective Southwest Section. If elected I would try to continue the great work already begun by these two great leaders.



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## Candidates for SW Section Rep

### CAROL CHAMBERS

#### Education

Ph.D., Wildlife Sciences (Major), Forest Sciences (Minor), Oregon State University (OSU), Corvallis, 1996

M.S., Forestry, University of Kentucky, Lexington, 1989

B.S., Biology, University of Kentucky, Lexington, 1979

#### Present Position

Professor of Wildlife Ecology, Northern Arizona University (NAU), School of Forestry, February 2007

#### Former Positions

Associate Professor of Wildlife Ecology, NAU, School of Forestry, February 2001

Assistant Professor of Wildlife Ecology, NAU, School of Forestry, September 1996

Senior Faculty Research Assistant, OSU Department of Forest Resources and National Biological Service, March 1995

Senior Faculty Research Assistant, OSU Department of Forest Resources, January 1990

Faculty Research Assistant, ISU Department of Forest Science, January 1988

#### Wildlife Society Activities

Memberships:

- o The Wildlife Society since 1992
- o Northwest Section 1993 – 1996,
- o Oregon Chapter 1991 – 1996,
- o Southwest Section 1996 – present,
- o Arizona Chapter 1996 – present,
- o New Mexico Chapter 2010-present,
- o Texas Chapter 2010-present

Offices or Positions held:

- o Southwest Section Representative to Council (2009-2012)
- o President (2006-2007) Arizona Chapter
- o President-Elect (2005-2006), Arizona Chapter
- o Board Member, Arizona Chapter (2000-2001)
- o Web Site Manager, Arizona Chapter of The Wildlife Society (2000-2006)
- o Associate Editor, Journal of Wildlife Management (2004-2006)
- o Faculty Advisor, Northern Arizona University Student Chapter The Wildlife Society (2005-present)
- o Instructor, Techniques Workshop for students, Arizona Chapter (2011)
- o The Wildlife Society 14th Annual Conference, Tucson, AZ (Chair, Student Activities 2007)
- o The Wildlife Society 12th Annual Conference, Madison, WI (Member, Review Panel, 2005)
- o The Wildlife Society 8th Annual Conference, Reno, NV (Member, Subcommittee for Symposia 2001)
- o Wildlife Program or Arrangements Chair, Arizona/New Mexico Chapters of The Wildlife Society Joint Annual Meetings (2000, 2004, 2006, 2010)
- o Member of 4-person peer review team commissioned by The Wildlife Society to review *Restoration of Federal Forests in the Pacific Northwest* (October 2011)



#### Other Professional Affiliations:

Western North American Naturalists, Southwestern Association of Naturalists, Western Bat Working Group

#### Principal Professional Interests:

Wildlife-habitat relationships, conservation biology, undergraduate, graduate, and professional wildlife education

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### **JAMES (JIM) RAMAKKA**

#### **Education:**

B.S. Wildlife Science, Cornell University, 1969  
 M.S. Wildlife Management, University of Maine, 1971

**Present Position:** National Program Lead for Wildlife, U.S.D.I. Bureau of Land Management, Jan. 2012

#### **Former Positions:**

Managing Partner, Tierra Natural Resource Consulting, LLC May 2008 - Jan. 2012  
 Senior Environmental Planner, Science Applications International Corp.. Jan. 2008-May 2008  
 Land Use Planner and Environmental Coordinator, Bureau Land Management, NM. May 2002 - Jan. 2007  
 Chief of Natural Resources, National Park Service, Chaco Culture NHP, NM. April 2001 - May 2002  
 Wildlife Biologist for BLM and Forest Service various locations (UT, NM, OR, NV). 1978 - 2001  
 Ancient positions - Research Assistant Oklahoma Coop Res. Unit (1976-1978), Instructor Environmental Science Essex Ag. and Tech Institute (1974-1976), Research Wildlife Biologist U.S. Peace Corps (1972-1974)

#### **Wildlife Society Activities:**

TWS Member since 1970  
 Certified Wildlife Biologist 1978  
 Member New Mexico Chapter  
 Member Southwest Section

#### **Offices Held:**

Newsletter Editor and Secretary/Treasurer NM Chapter (1980s)  
 President-elect/President NV Chapter (1995-1998)  
 McDonough Award Committee (1995)  
 Chair Western Section Awards Committee (1996)  
 TWS Certification Review Board 1994-2000 (Chair 1999-2000)  
 Chair TWS International Working Group (2006-2010)  
 Program Committee 4th. International Wildlife Management Congress (2011-2012)

#### **Other Professional Affiliations:**

Member: Raptor Research Foundation, American Ornithologists Union, Cooper Ornithological Society, Association of Field Ornithologists, New Mexico Ornithological Society

#### **Principal Professional Interests:**

Raptor ecology, land use planning and the effects/mitigation of renewable and non-renewable energy development on wildlife.



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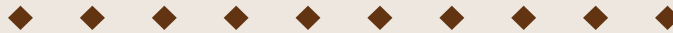
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## Opportunities

### WHO IS DOING INCREDIBLE THINGS FOR WILDLIFE IN THE SOUTHWEST?

Give them an award! The Wildlife Society's Group Achievement Award recognizes an organization or group that accomplishes outstanding achievements to benefit wildlife consistent with advancing the objectives of The Wildlife Society. The organization or group selected for the award can be a private, state, or federal institution. Past award winners have included the Quality Deer Management Association, the Wisconsin Sharp-tailed Grouse Society, the Wyoming Chapter of the Foundation for North American Wild Sheep, Oregon's 4-H Wildlife Stewards Program, and the U.S. Fur-bearer Conservation Technical Working Group of the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies.

Nominations, with no more than 3 letters of support attached, should describe the group, its objectives, number of members, and provide a concise statement of accomplishments within the past three years. Please assist this year's committee by submitting materials via email to [yanin@wildlife.org](mailto:yanin@wildlife.org) as **a single PDF file**. **If you send hard copies, please send ten copies of the nomination by April 27, 2012.**



### AFFINITY PROGRAMS - WHAT'S YOUR OPINION

As The Wildlife Society (TWS) has grown in recent years so has the size and breadth of its programs and services. Currently, TWS is facing challenges in generating the funding it needs to maintain, expand, or explore current programs and new opportunities. We need additional funding to maintain the Society's programs, services, and opportunities. A possible source is allowing companies to use TWS's logo accompanied by a statement indicating that the company is a proud sponsor of TWS (or similar wording) on product packaging or websites in exchange for a financial contribution. In such an arrangement, TWS would make it clear that no endorsement of a product was being made, only that the company has made a financial contribution to TWS. To pursue this option, specific guidelines for the use of TWS's logo would be developed. As this is a significant new approach for TWS relative to fund-raising, TWS Council is actively seeking input from members, via Section Representatives, to understand the memberships' views on this possible approach to funding. Your input is valued and appreciated. Please contact your Section Representative, Carol Chambers, Southwest Section, for more details and/or further discussion ([Carol.Chambers@nau.edu](mailto:Carol.Chambers@nau.edu), use subject line 'affinity programs'; phone 928-523-0014).

## Student Chapter News

### WELCOME TO A NEW STUDENT CHAPTER IN THE SOUTHWEST SECTION

[Shannon Pederson](#) (TWS Program Manager) reports students in our Section want to create 2 new Student Chapters: **Abilene Christian University** (TX) and **Eastern New Mexico University-Ruidoso**. This is great news and shows TWS is relevant to our future wildlife professionals. Eastern New Mexico University-Ruidoso wants to gain hands-on experience, develop a mentorship program, network with New Mexico TWS and SW Section TWS. Once established, help support new student chapters!



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## News From National TWS

### Update From The Wildlife Society Headquarters

March 2012

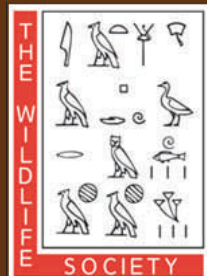
**The Wildlife Society Partners to Sponsor National Lobby Day**—The Teaming With Wildlife coalition, consisting of more than 6,300 organizations including TWS, took to the halls of Congress on for its annual “Fly-In” to secure financial support for the State and Tribal Wildlife Grants program (SWG). The effort, which took place on February 28-29, brought participants from 23 states, many of whom were TWS members, to advocate for federal funding for state-implemented non-game wildlife science and management. Participants met with Dan Ashe, Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) and attended an advocacy training with many outstanding guest speakers representing environmental organizations and state agencies.

**Upcoming Wildlife Professional Release**—The summer issue of *The Wildlife Professional* will feature a special package on the challenges and complexities of managing invasive species as well as a handful of articles on wildlife management issues around the world that will tie in to the upcoming International Wildlife Management Congress in Durban, South Africa. We'll also feature articles on a wide variety of wildlife-related topics, including tools to measure feral cat behavior and acoustic research to study marine mammals. The summer issue of the magazine will mail the second week of June.

**International Wildlife Management Congress**—Register for the IV IWMC at <http://iwmc2012.org>. The conference will take place in Durban, South Africa on July 9-12. The IWMC theme is Cooperative Wildlife Management across Borders: Learning in the Face of Change. South Africa is an ideal venue because of the numerous examples of exemplary practices in wildlife management and the human capacity for building innovations ranging from adaption of scientific developments to community-based natural resource management and empowerment programs to share in the global forum. The IV IWMC 2012 in Durban, South Africa will be informative, exciting, and an ideal venue to establish new and lasting partnerships to benefit wildlife and their management.



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## News From National TWS

**TWS Annual Conference in Portland, Oregon Upcoming**—TWS' annual conference will be held in Portland, Oregon on October 13-17, 2012. The meeting will include workshops, symposia, panel discussions, breakfast roundtables, special poster sessions, contributed papers (oral presentations), and contributed posters. We invite submission of contributed papers and posters on topics of wildlife ecology, management, conservation, education, or policy. Presentations will not be published, so we encourage reports from the author's most recent scientific investigations and management experiences. Presentations will be audio recorded and made available to conference attendee at the conclusion of the conference. The deadline for contributed papers and posters is April 13<sup>th</sup> and the link for submission can be found [here](#). Registration for the conference will open in June.

**Certification Update**—TWS' [Certification Directory](#) has now been updated to display current AWBs' and CWBs' mailing address, work phone, and email. Should an AWB or CWB wish to make any changes to the Certification Directory, please send an email with your desired contact information to be displayed to [Shannon@wildlife.org](mailto:Shannon@wildlife.org). Remember that you have to be a current member to hold a valid certificate. To check your membership status, please email [membership@wildlife.org](mailto:membership@wildlife.org) or call (301) 897-9770.

TWS Chapter, Student Chapter, and Section Treasurers:

Remember that your annual tax report form is due to TWS by the end of March. Please send it to [shannon@wildlife.org](mailto:shannon@wildlife.org).

TWS Chapter, Student Chapter, and Section Secretaries:

Remember to submit your election results to TWS immediately following elections. Please send your list of officers to [shannon@wildlife.org](mailto:shannon@wildlife.org).



## National Membership by State/Country

**Texas - 555**

**Arizona - 217**

**New Mexico - 142**

**Mexico/Costa Rica - 17**



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## News From National TWS

It is our great pleasure to acknowledge that this year marks 75 years since the official founding of The Wildlife Society back in 1937.

To honor this milestone, TWS is planning several special events and publications throughout the year, culminating with a celebration during our 19th Annual Conference in Portland, Oregon, to be held October 13-17, 2012.

[To kick off our anniversary year, we are pleased to announce the official launch of a new video titled "The Wildlife Society—75 Years and Counting."](#)

Produced by Conservation Media and made possible by the generous contributions of TWS members, this video features commentary from President Paul Krausman and President-Elect Wini Kessler, and explores the work of two young wildlife biologists who are representative of the future of our profession.

These young professionals articulate why their work in wildlife management and conservation is so critical, and how TWS has helped them develop their careers. We will post this video on our website and distribute it widely to the general media to raise public awareness about TWS and its mission.

This fall, your member magazine, *The Wildlife Professional*, will produce a special issue commemorating the 75-year history of TWS and exploring its formation, accomplishments, leaders, and future goals. The issue will be widely distributed to state and federal agencies, conservation NGOs, policymakers, and the media to educate them about the vital role that TWS plays in supporting science-based wildlife management and conservation.

We all have much to celebrate. With nearly 11,000 members, The Wildlife Society is enjoying record membership. It has greatly expanded its member benefits, its clout in the wildlife policy arena, its partnerships with other natural-resource agencies and organizations, its publishing program, and its international outreach.

This year will therefore mark not only the 75th anniversary of your professional society, but also the beginning of a bright new era for The Wildlife Society, the members who support it, and the organization's core mission of wildlife management and conservation and the support of wildlife professionals.

Thank you all for being such a strong, supportive, and vital force in ensuring that wildlife and their habitats survive and thrive well into the future.

Sincerely,

Michael Hutchins, CEO  
The Wildlife Society



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## In Memoriam



**Dr. Warren B. Ballard, Jr.**, beloved husband of Heather A. Whitlaw and widely-published author, editor, and nationally-recognized professor in Texas Tech University's Department of Natural Resources Management, passed away peacefully at his Lubbock home on January 12, 2012 after a brave fight with pancreatic cancer.

"His legacy lives on in the students, faculty and research projects he touched," said Michael Galyean, Interim Dean of the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources.

During Warren's long career he produced more than 200 peer-reviewed journal articles and raised over \$5.9 million in grant, contract, and research funding, which has supported over 60 graduate students.

"Warren has been my friend since graduate school, an internationally-recognized research scientist, a major figure in the wildlife profession, and an irreplaceable part of our department," said Mark Wallace, chairman of Tech's Department of Natural Resources Management.

Warren was born on April 28, 1947 in Boston, MA, and the family moved to Albuquerque, NM in the early 1950s where Warren attended St Pius X High School. He earned a Bachelor's degree in Fish and Wildlife Management from New Mexico State University and his Master's degree in Environmental Biology from Kansas State University. He earned his doctorate in Wildlife Science from the University of Arizona. On June 7, 1995, Warren married the love of his life, Heather Whitlaw.

Warren finished his M.S. degree and went to work for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in 1971. He then spent 18 years (1973-1990) as a wildlife biologist and research scientist with Alaska Department of Fish and Game. His ground-breaking research on predator-prey relationships, wolf ecology, and ungulate populations is still widely recognized. He then worked as a consultant with the National Park Service and LGL Alaska while getting his Ph.D. at the University of Arizona (1990-1993). Dr. Ballard then became the Director of the New Brunswick Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Unit (1993-1996). He moved to Research Supervisor with the Arizona Game and Fish Department (1996-1998) before joining the Texas Tech faculty in 1998. Dr. Ballard achieved Full Professor in 2003, was named the Bricker Chair in Wildlife Management in 2006 and Horn Professor in 2008. The Horn professorship is the highest honor a faculty member can receive from the university. "Horn Professors are a testament to the quality of our academics because they represent the very best of our faculty," said Guy Bailey, Texas Tech president.

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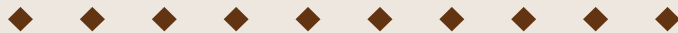


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## In Memoriam

A member of more than seven professional societies, Warren Ballard served as editor of three international journals, including the Wildlife Society Bulletin (twice), and was an associate editor of four more including the Wildlife Monographs (four times) and the Wildlife Society Bulletin.

The quality of Ballard's research has been recognized with 22 awards. In 1989, Warren was honored by his peers with the Distinguished Moose Biologist award. He was presented the Chancellor's Council Distinguished Research Award at Texas Tech in 2002 and was presented a special service recognition award from the Wildlife Society that same year. He has been awarded the Outstanding Researcher in the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources at Texas Tech four times. He was named a Fellow by The Wildlife Society in 2005. He has won awards for best professional article, monograph, and publications from our professional societies.



**Dr. James G. Teer (1926-2012)**, the first President and a Founding Member of the Texas Chapter of The Wildlife Society, had a career in wildlife that spanned over 60 years. He often credited his love of wildlife and the outdoors to his childhood roaming of the San Gabriel River in Central Texas. Dr. Teer served in the United States Navy during World War II in the Pacific Theater, and he began his academic training following the war at Texas A&M University where he attained his B.S. From there he went on to obtain a M.S. at Iowa State University, and completed his studies with a Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin in 1963. His research interests were in the areas of plant-animal community ecology, vertebrate population dynamics, and the ecological basis of land-use planning and resource conservation and management.

Dr. Teer's depth of understanding of conservation issues stemmed not only from his academic studies, but also from the vast experiences he gained in a professional career which transitioned universities, agencies, and private organizations. Such experiences served him well both as a biologist and conservationist.

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## In Memoriam

Dr. Teer worked as a Research Biologist for both the Texas Game and Fish Commission and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at the Patuxent Wildlife Research Center, and served as an assistant professor at both Mississippi State University and at Texas A&M University. He went on to become the Caesar Kleberg Chair of Wildlife Ecology and Program Leader for the Caesar Kleberg Program in Wildlife Ecology at Texas A&M University, as well as serving as a Visiting Professor in Wildlife Ecology at the University of Pretoria in South Africa. His university career culminated as Professor and Head of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries at Texas A&M University.

In 1978 Dr. Teer became the third director of the Rob and Bessie Welder Wildlife Foundation near Sinton, Texas, where he remained for 20 years. He brought to the Foundation a singular dedication to the field of wildlife management that focused on the Foundation's mission of research and education.

Dr. Teer consulted for private landowners, industry, state and federal agencies in the U.S. and governments of countries in the tropical world. He was recognized and sought after globally as an authority in wildlife conservation. He either served on and chaired many boards including the North American Sustainable Use Specialist Group of The World Conservation Union (IUCN), the North American Wildlife Foundation, the National Audubon Society, the Texas Advisory Committee for the Environmental Defense Fund, the Environmental Research Steering Committee for Texas Utilities, the Nemours Plantation in South Carolina, and the Serengeti Research Institute in Kenya. His work extended to Africa, India, Russia, France and countries in Central and South America, and many of his graduate students accomplished research projects in countries around the world. In addition to the courses he taught in wildlife conservation and management, his world experiences led him to teach courses in global conservation issues throughout his career. During his professional career he published over 130 scientific papers, 13 book chapters, 2 monographs, and a book of his personal and professional memoirs, *It's a Long Way from Llano: The Journey of a Wildlife Biologist*.

Dr. Teer won many awards, but most notably were the Aldo Leopold Memorial Award bestowed by The Wildlife Society, the Safari Club International Conservation Trophy, the Conservation Award from the Daughters of the American Revolution, and the Harvey Weil Professional Conservationist of the Year Award. He was inducted into Texas Parks and Wildlife Foundation's Hall of Fame in 2001.

Dr. Teer is survived by the love of his life Joan Marie (Powell) Teer, a daughter Jill Marie, and son James Warren, grandchildren Lucas, Justin, Ann, and one of three brothers, Donald. He was preceded in death by his parents, Thomas Lee Teer and Mary Ella Dohoney, and two brothers, Winston and Thomas.

Dr. Teer's presence and leadership will be missed by his many friends in the wildlife community, and particularly those Texas Chapter TWS members and colleagues with whom he worked through the years.



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## News From Other Chapters and Organizations

Andi Cooper, Communications Specialist, Ducks Unlimited

**Mad Island WMA Enhanced:** DU in cooperation with Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, is wrapping up two projects at Mad Island Wildlife Management near Bay City, Texas. The Big Muddy Lake water control structure project will improve management capabilities on more than 460 acres of emergent and submerged marsh habitats in Big Muddy and Cane Lakes. A second project to install a new deepwater well will increase water management capacity and provide freshwater to approximately 200 acres of moist soil habitat managed for waterfowl within the WMA. The two moist soil impoundments provide some of the most popular hunting areas at Mad Island WMA. Both projects will enhance waterfowl habitat and public hunting opportunities.

**Savannah Oaks Ranch Conservation Easement:** This year DU and landowner Rody and Donna Kuchar, and partners the West Bay Conservation Initiative Partnership, Wetlands America Trust and Texas General Land Office established a conservation easement at Savannah Oaks Ranch in Danbury, Texas, near the Brazoria National Wildlife Refuge. This event marks the first time that the Texas General Land Office's Texas Farm and Ranch Lands Conservation Program has been utilized to secure permanent protection of important habitat values on private land. The family-owned Savannah Oaks Ranch is a 700-acre rice farm situated at the convergence of Austin and Flores Bayous. While its rice fields provide excellent wildlife habitat, the ranch also features extensive freshwater and riparian wetlands, providing a rich mosaic of habitats for shorebirds, sandhill cranes, and waterfowl, including the non-migratory mottled duck. The landowners will maintain the property's current use as a working farm while preserving its wildlife values in perpetuity.

**McFaddin NWR Enhanced:** DU and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service recently partnered to complete a project funded through a \$378,000- North American Wetlands Conservation Act grant. The project improved management capabilities and waterfowl habitat on McFaddin National Wildlife Refuge in Jefferson County. The project enhanced habitat on the Lost Bayou Unit through the installation of a water control structure and pump. The Lost Bayou Unit is a 1,450-acre fresh/intermediate marsh located entirely within McFaddin NWR along the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway.

**Right: McFaddin Lost Bayou Unit –** Refuge Staff perform final inspection on the recently constructed water control structure at the Lost Bayou Unit. This structure incorporates a low-lift pump station that moves water in and out of the Unit regardless of tide levels



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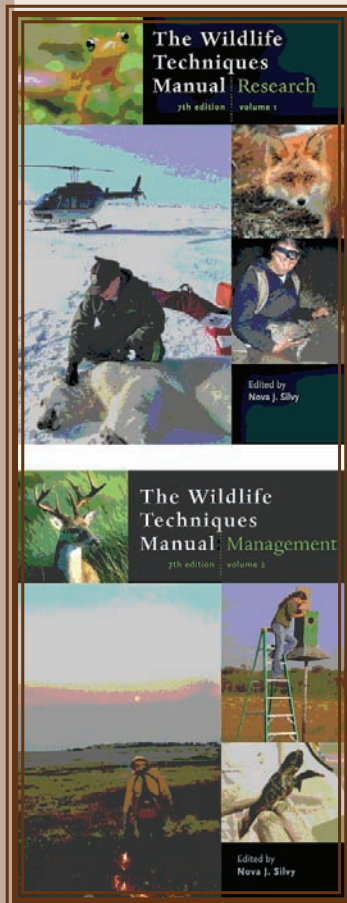


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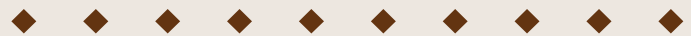


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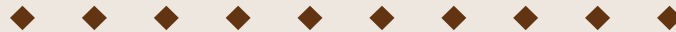
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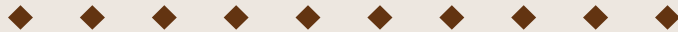
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