

Texas Chapter Tails

of Wildlife and Stewardship

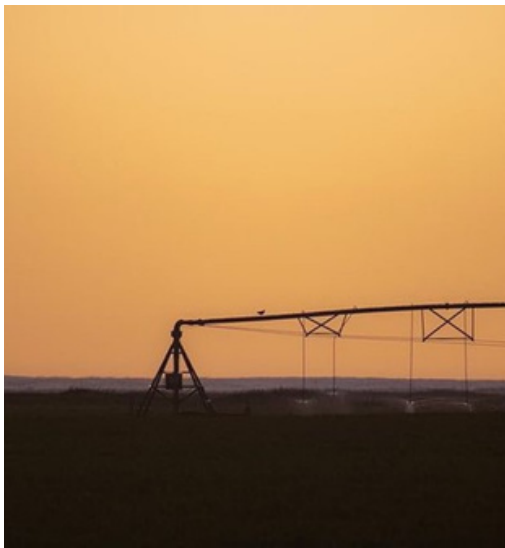


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President's Note

As we find ourselves in the midst of another June/July hot spell, it is worth reflecting on the journey we have taken to get here. Last year, many Texans experienced the hottest and driest conditions on record, an extreme that tested our resilience and adaptability. This spring, in a stark contrast, Texas was greeted with cool, wet weather, presenting its own unique set of challenges. Now, as the temperatures begin to rise once more, we might feel a sense of apprehension. However, as wildlife professionals, we have not only come to expect these changes, but we have honed our abilities to accommodate them. Our work, at its core, is about resilience and adaptation. Just as the wildlife we study and protect adapt to their ever-changing environments, so too must we. This is our calling, our mission, and our passion. We not only have the ability to weather these changes, but to thrive amidst them, drawing from them the lessons, and data, that drive us forward. Just as we adapt and persevere amidst the changing seasons and weather patterns, the Texas Chapter of The Wildlife Society (TCTWS) mirrors this resilience in its continuous efforts to serve our membership and achieve our objectives.



A young male Lesser Prairie-Chicken's flamboyant, yet unsuccessful, pivot pose. Photo courtesy of The Wildlife Society at West Texas A&M.

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Since the 59th Annual Meeting, TCTWS has been working diligently to serve our community. We have made our presence felt at the Texas Legislative session and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission meeting, ensuring our voice and concerns are heard among state representatives and TPWD commission members. Our commitment to education and engagement has been evident in the three enriching webinars we hosted: “Employer Panel”, “Chronic Wasting Disease”, and “Wildlife Diseases”. Please visit <https://tctws.org/webinar/> to view recordings of these, others, obtain information about and register for upcoming webinars. Thank you to Daniel Price, Richard Heilbrun, Dr. Daniel Bunting, Iliana Peña, Dr. Hunter Reed, and Dr. Sara Wyckoff for volunteering their time as our webinar guests. In addition, our drive for recognition and excellence has been showcased in our submission for The Wildlife Society’s Chapter of the Year - a heartfelt thank you to Mikayla Killam for her invaluable efforts on this front (see Page 4; Spoilers!) . Now, as we move forward, our energy and focus are directed towards the upcoming Wildlife Camp, an opportunity to immerse ourselves in the world of wildlife conservation, learn from each other, and continue our mission to make a difference.

I'm pleased to announce the upcoming Wildlife Conservation Camp will be held at the Texas Tech Center at Junction, 17–21 July. We have 24 campers signed up, with 8 returning campers and numerous professional and student volunteers. Concurrent with Wildlife Conservation Camp, the Executive Board Meeting is scheduled for July 21, presenting yet another opportunity to engage in our mission. I extend my gratitude to Kelley Mundy and Masi Serna for their unyielding efforts in organizing these events as Wildlife Conservation Camp Co-Chairs. Thank you to the generous donations from Past-Presidents, partners, members, and anyone not named herein. For the uninitiated, this is the 30th anniversary of Wildlife Conservation Camp. Since 1993 the Texas Chapter of The Wildlife Society’s Wildlife Conservation Camp has provided a fun and unique week-long experience teaching kids about nature, ecology, and wildlife. Thank you, Texas Chapter of the Wildlife Society, for 30 years of outdoor education and outreach for Texas’ High School students through Wildlife Conservation Camp.

I welcome The Wildlife Society at the University of Texas, San Antonio (UTSA) as our newest, official student chapter of the wildlife society within TCTWS. The Wildlife Society at UTSA is no stranger to TCTWS, but we were delighted to have them attend the 59th Annual meeting for the “first time” as our newest official student chapter. And as an official chapter, they are off to an amazing start: in February they hosted Ian Mack and Blake Leslie for “Turkey Talk”, representatives from U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in March, and hosted a Fireside Chat with Past President John Kinsey in April. In other student chapter news, I was honored to have The Wildlife Society at West Texas A&M University join me on a private ranch in eastern New Mexico to view and learn about Lesser Prairie-Chicken lek behavior.

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Student members, officers, and Dr. Grisham spent an early Saturday morning in Eastern New Mexico changing a van tire, making memes about students changing the tire, and viewing and learning about Lesser Prairie-Chicken lek behavior. Photo courtesy of The Wildlife Society at West Texas A&M



Student members, officers, and faculty advisors from Stephen F. Austin State University Student Chapter of the Wildlife Society pose with their “Student Chapter of the Year Award” at the 59th Annual Meeting. Congratulations and Axe ‘Em Jacks!

Student members and faculty advisors from our newest student chapter; The Wildlife Society at the University of Texas, San Antonio; attended the 59th Annual Meeting of the Texas Chapter of the Wildlife Society. Photo courtesy of The Wildlife Society at the University of Texas, San Antonio.



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The student members and leaders were astute professionals, even when the tire on the West Texas A&M van went rogue at 4:15AM on the way to the lek! After a bit of “improvise, adapt, and overcome”, we arrived late, but the birds were kind enough to put on a show. One plucky male was determined to have every female in the county see him, and used the center-pivot for his salacious, yet unsuccessful grandstanding; we thank him for his performance. Thank you to the student members and officers for exemplifying level-headedness and teamwork when things go wrong; those characteristics will be valuable as you move forward with your careers. Congratulations to Stephen F. Austin State University Student Chapter of The Wildlife Society for earning the distinction of The Texas Chapter of Wildlife Society’s Student Chapter of the Year. I encourage our professional members to take a moment to appreciate the sheer level of competition among our student chapters, and to consider the tremendous amount of effort necessary to achieve this accolade. This achievement is no small feat. The journey towards this prestigious award is not just a testament to the year-round, relentless efforts of all parties involved, but also a reflection of an exhaustive application process, often exceeding 40 pages. This enduring pursuit of excellence serves as an inspiration to us all, encapsulating the spirit of dedication and commitment that we strive to achieve. A heartfelt congratulations to Stephen F. Austin, their student leaders and members, faculty, and alumni/supporters!

With Kind Regards (and Wreck 'Em!),



Blake A. Grisham, Ph.D.
President, Texas Chapter of the Wildlife Society



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Congratulations to our members for helping us earn the honor of being named The Wildlife Society Chapter of the Year for the **SECOND** year in a row!



We look forward to another wonderful year of achieving new goals and taking our chapter to even greater heights!
-Your TCTWS Executive Board

Editor's Note

Hi everyone!

Welcome to the Texas Chapter of The Wildlife Society Newsletter! As our chapter grows and adapts to find new and better ways assure a sustained diversity of wildlife and their habitats in Texas, we must improve our outreach methods in tandem. We recently updated our chapter's logo to reflect our expanding interests and outreach, and in an effort to enhance our unified and professional presence, we have chosen to update the layout of our newsletter. Catchily named *Texas Chapter Tails of Wildlife and Stewardship* (following the acronym TCTWS), *The Tails* aims to provide a written platform for our members to share research and outreach stories, achievements, chapter news, and TWS events at all levels of membership. We hope to make *The Tails* concise, informative, and engaging for all members. Thus, please feel free to contact the Newsletter committee with any comments (good or bad) as we implement changes over the next few editions at newsletter@tctws.org.

The second change is the creation of the "Partner's Corner." Our parent organization, The Wildlife Society, established guidelines for state and student chapters, and our intent is to meet the guidelines recommended by TWS. As such, we added the "Partner's Corner" to facilitate TCTWS' ability to promote workshops, conferences, or other events not specifically sponsored by TCTWS or TWS as we have in the past, but also work toward the goal of meeting TWS' guidelines and operating procedures. If a non-TWS agency or group would like to have their event distributed in *The Tails*, they may do so by donating \$50 to TCTWS at the "[Support Us](#)" link and emailing a single page, pre-formatted proof of their flyer to the Newsletter Committee. We will verify that the donation has been made (in the notes of your donation, please put your agency's name and the newsletter you're donating to) and we will put the content in that newsletter's "Partner's Corner." These donations go directly back to support outreach and professional development activities for our members, who will one day be leaders of these partnering agencies and our chapter.

We are also expanding our social media platform; we recognize some members receive and distribute content primarily via digital means. We have obtained a free professional Canva account to ensure consistency among our social media and communication content, implemented protocols on social media with intent

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to highlight our activities and the activities of our student chapters, and are working with the executive board to update the communications and social media committee's operating procedures to ensure future committee chairs have a peer-edited and reviewed guide for TCTWS social media content.

As always, this is first and foremost *your* newsletter. If you have contributions on any topic pertaining to wildlife or natural resources, announcements of interest to members, or Chapter business you would like to share with the membership, please send it to us at newsletter@tctws.org. *The Tails* will be published via electronic mail each quarter in April, July, October, and January, and contributed content should be sent by the 15th of the month prior to publication.

Happy reading!

-Cheyenne Mack and Sarah Turner

2023/2024 Newsletter Committee Co-Chairs

Webinar



TEXAS CHAPTER
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Webinar Series

Emerging Technologies

Cole Fagen, American Bird Conservancy
11am CST Thursday
October 26, 2023

In this TCTWS webinar, Cole Fagen from American Bird Conservancy will speak with us about prescribed fire and the application of drones. Join us quarterly as we learn about what makes Texas wildlife stewardship excellent.



RSVP today:
[TCTWS.org/webinar](https://www.tctws.org/webinar)

Join us on October 26, 2023 at 11 AM CST. Our guest professional is Cole Fagan from American Bird Conservancy who will be discussing using drones for prescribed fire.

Date: October 26 at 11 AM Central

Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/texas-chapter-of-the-wildlife-society-webinar-prescribed-fire-and-drones-tickets-551530110407>

Join us quarterly as we learn about what makes Texas wildlife stewardship excellent. Each webinar is hosted virtually through Microsoft Teams. Register in advance for each individual webinar at <https://tctws.org/webinar/>.

Cole is an avid outdoorsman, with degrees in Natural Resource Management from Angelo State University and Oklahoma State University. He has worked with UAV technology to aid in the safe and effective use of prescribed fire in Oklahoma. Cole is a prescribed fire practitioner helping private landowners and partner agencies improve habitat for grassland bird species in Oklahoma and Texas.

Conservation Affairs

The Conservation Affairs committee recently drafted a resolution on mountain lion management in Texas, which was approved first by the Executive Committee of TCTWS and strongly supported by our membership. This resolution will be added to our [website](#) and is available below. For more information or if you have an issue you believe deserves consideration by the Chapter, please contact the Executive Board or the Conservation Affairs Committee (executive.director@tctws.org; conservation.affairs@tctws.org).

TCTWS Resolution on Mountain Lion Management in Texas

WHEREAS, the Texas Chapter of The Wildlife Society represents over 900 wildlife and natural resource professionals across the State whose vision is to assure a sustained diversity of wildlife and their habitats in Texas through sound wildlife management based on scientific and biological principles;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Texas Chapter of The Wildlife Society supports the formation of a Mountain Lion Stakeholder Advisory Committee to assist the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department in the review of existing information to determine the need for management and policy regarding mountain lions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Texas Chapter of The Wildlife Society urges the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department to support collection of reliable scientific data to review the status of mountain lions and determine the need for management actions.



Student Chapter Spotlight

Stephen F. Austin State University Student Chapter

Abby Buckner, 2023-2023 SFASU Student Chapter President

The Stephen F. Austin State University Student Chapter of The Wildlife Society is honored to have been named the Texas Chapter of The Wildlife Society's 2023 Student Chapter of the Year. The recognition from this award is welcomed and much appreciated, but our chapter operates with the goal of spreading this organization's mission and purpose and the results of hard work have been fulfilling. As a well-established chapter, we do still strive to grow our membership, develop more opportunities for members, and strengthen our relationship with and impact in the local community and beyond.

"In my four years at SFA, the relationships I've developed, the experiences I've had, and the things I've learned through The Wildlife Society have been the most contributing factor in my professional and personal growth by far. It has been a joy leading the SFA student chapter alongside an amazing officer team during my senior year and seeing that same growth in the chapter and in individual members as I've experienced."

- Abby Buckner, SFASU Student Chapter President 2022-2023



SFA TWS President Abby Buckner holds the Student Chapter of the Year plaque and members give the traditional SFA "axe 'em jacks" hand sign.

From top left to bottom right: Connor Appel, Luke Blutworth, Vincent Jolley, Micah Grogan, Mason Helm, Blake Carter, Jake Mayhan, Ethan Menzel, Marc Moss, Leo Montano, Paige Sumner, Laken Mize, Veda Allen.

This past year has been a year of immense growth as we have worked to refresh many of our chapter's former events and traditions. In order to expand the opportunities available to our members and allow for a deeper exposure to the many facets of the wildlife field, we reinstated and formed a total of three committees in our chapter this year. With committees focused on policy, research, and outreach, our chapter has been able to explore more of the resources available through The Wildlife Society and bring that knowledge to our student membership giving them a broadened sense of the impacts wildlife related careers and activities can have. Involvement in annual events including deer and turkey captures, conferences, and countless volunteer and social events give our members the chance to develop relationships with each other, members from other student chapters, and professionals all while strengthening their skills in field work and professionalism.

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“I wanted to be president because I felt that it would push me to work harder in my field and TWS is a door to a career in wildlife management. I love the aspect of taking what we have learned in classes and applying those skills in the field. I also wanted to be president to help my peers with hands on experience and meeting potential employers while making the student chapter enjoyable.”

- Jake Mayhan, SFASU Student Chapter President 2023-2024

Keeping in mind that our members are college students, many of whom will graduate with a career plan slightly different than the one they started school with, we aim to create an environment complementary to the classroom and reflective of The Wildlife Society’s mission. Our goal is to give members a place to exercise their knowledge and skills outside of a lab or lecture hall and a place start building a community of peers and mentors in their field of interest. Many of our members join our chapter as freshmen looking for a fun wildlife club and we do our best to show them the depth of this organization, ensuring that they graduate with an insatiable hunger for comradery, knowledge, and fulfillment through The Wildlife Society that will last a lifetime.



SFA TWS members and faculty advisors pose with the Student Chapter of the Year plaque in front of the Texas Chapter of The Wildlife Society logo backdrop at the 2023 Conference awards banquet.

From top left to bottom right: Dr. Cord Eversole, Vincent Jolley, Connor Appel, Luke Bludworth, Jake Mayhan, Abby Buckner, Laken Mize, Blake Carter, Micah Grogan, Ethan Menzel, Dr. Jessica Glasscock, Dr. Reuber Antoniazzi, Alejandra Martinez, Marc Moss, Mason Helm, Leo Montano, Paige Sumner, Veda Allen.

Andropogon gerardii Vitman, Big Bluestem

By: Sarah Turner

Found in every ecological region across Texas, *Andropogon gerardii* (big bluestem or tukeyfoot) is an essential prairie grass species. It is a warm season, native perennial plant that is considered a climax species, meaning that it is commonly found after the plant community of an area has stabilized and the species present have both successfully reproduced and are capable of deterring invader species. Distinguishing characteristics of the species include a blueish waxy layer on the culms and the purplish three-parted inflorescence that is reminiscent of a turkey's foot. Big bluestem's leaf blades are also distinctly textured, having rough upper and smooth lower surfaces. The species can reach heights of 6 to 8 feet tall and its blue-green culms stay erect during the winter making it easy to identify when many other plants have senesced. Big bluestem is normally found in sandy or loamy soils but can tolerate a wide range of conditions.

Big bluestem is optimal livestock forage containing a crude protein percent of 16-18% during the late spring and summer, and naturally is a decreaser species under heavy grazing. Wildlife species will also graze vegetation parts and songbirds and prairie chickens are known to consume the seeds. Likewise, the species can provide shelter for nesting birds and insects, as the species grows in tall, dense clumps. Big bluestem is also used frequently in prairie restoration due to its ability to serve as a soil stabilizer and wind block.

Fun Facts:

- 1) The Chippewa People were known to use the root of big bluestem as a diuretic and to remedy gastrointestinal pain. Likewise, they used leaf blade extracts as an analgesic and the leaves for a variety of cooking and fastening applications.
- 2) Big bluestem is commonly used in dried flower arrangements.

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The three racemes of a big bluestem inflorescence making the recognizable "turkey foot" arrangement. Photo courtesy of Texas A&M Agrilife Extension.



The leaf blades of big bluestem typically have a very distinct blue-green waxy appearance. Photo courtesy of Texas A&M Agrilife Extension.

Southwest Section Tracks

By: Kathy Granillo, Southwest Section Representative

I've been thinking about democracy quite a bit of late and it got me wondering what those of you reading this newsletter think about voting. Do you think it is important? Do you think of it as a right? Do you value your ability to vote? As you mull those questions over, let's consider the history of voting in the USA. A quick search of the internet led me to the Carnegie Corporation which had the following to say about this topic (<https://www.carnegie.org/our-work/article/voting-rights-timeline/>).

- Despite their belief in the virtues of democracy, the founders of the United States accepted and endorsed severe limits on voting. The U.S. Constitution originally left it to states to determine who is qualified to vote in elections. For decades, state legislatures generally restricted voting to white males who owned property. Some states also employed religious tests to ensure that only Christian men could vote.
- During the early part of the 19th century, state legislatures begin to limit the property requirement for voting. Later, during the Reconstruction period following the Civil War, Congress passed the Fifteenth Amendment to the Constitution, which ensured that people could not be denied the right to vote because of their race. The amendment was ratified by the states in 1870. However, in the decades that followed, many states, particularly in the South, used a range of barriers, such as poll taxes and literacy tests, to deliberately reduce voting among African American men.
- Early in the 20th century, women still were only able to vote in a handful of states. After decades of organizing and activism, women nationwide won the right to vote with the ratification of the 19th amendment to the U.S. Constitution in 1920.
- Inspired by voting rights marches in Alabama in spring 1965, Congress passed the Voting Rights Act. The vote was decisive and bipartisan: 79-18 in the Senate and 328-74 in the House. President Lyndon Johnson signed the measure on August 6 with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Rosa Parks, and other icons of the civil rights movement at his side.

Now what does all of this have to do with The Wildlife Society? Hopefully, it got you thinking about the struggles in this country to give every person 18 years and older the right to vote. And hopefully it inspires you to exercise that right in whatever elections you are eligible to vote in.

So NOW we get to TWS. Every member of TWS can vote for the leadership of TWS. Every year we hold elections for Vice President and for approximately 1/3 of the Section Representatives. As I hope you all know, the person elected as Vice President serves for one year in that capacity, followed by one year as President-Elect, followed by one year as President, followed by a final year as Past-President. Your vote for Vice President is really a vote for 4 different positions in TWS leadership. I hope you all voted in this year's election, which closed June 30. The person elected as Vice President will be installed at the Annual Conference, which is in Louisville, KY this year.

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The other important point I'd like to make about voting is that in order to vote, there must be candidates. In order for TWS to have an awesome Council, one that reflects the diversity of our membership, and that continues to help wildlife students and wildlife professionals be the best that they can be, we need people to step up and be willing to be part of that leadership. I hear grumbling here and there about the leadership of TWS not reflecting the diversity of TWS membership, notwithstanding the fact that Council has several women members, and the current President is of Japanese descent. However, it also reflects the group of people willing to run for Council positions. TWS struggles every year to round up well-qualified candidates to run for office. Many of you reading this newsletter ARE well-qualified to run and I urge you all to think about nominating yourself or fellow TWS members to run for Council. If you have thoughts or concerns on how the nominating process works or you have changes in that process you'd like to see that would help improve the diversity of leadership, I'd be pleased to hear from you.

Speaking of the annual conference, have you seen the logo for the conference? It features a squirrel. The squirrel family is among the most diverse of all modern mammals, with more than 278 species and 51 genera thriving everywhere from Arctic tundra and tropical rainforest to farms, suburbs, and big cities. There is a lot to admire about squirrels. As one of my reference books says, "They are excellent builders, they are accomplished food gatherers, they work feverishly to establish security for themselves in the face of inclemency, and they like to sleep late and lay in sunbeams." Come to think of it, that sounds like some people I know. How many squirrel species are native to Texas? Most biologists are very familiar with the 3 most common species - 2 are tree squirrels - eastern fox and eastern gray and one is a ground squirrel, the rock squirrel. There are 5 other species in the state - eastern flying squirrel, and 4 more ground squirrels: thirteen-lined, Mexican, spotted, and Texas antelope squirrel. Which one is your favorite?

Squirrels are an important food source for lots of nonhuman predators, including snakes, coyotes, hawks, and owls, to name a few. They've long been hunted by people too, and once served as key ingredients for American dishes like Kentucky burgoo and Brunswick stew, although today other meats are commonly used instead. My husband hunts squirrels occasionally, and I've made some wonderful tacos after cooking the meat in my pressure cooker.

I hope to see many of you in Louisville in November, perhaps enjoy some Kentucky burgoo, exchange squirrel recipes and perhaps chat about squirrels as well as other topics of importance to the wildlife profession. And if I don't see you in Louisville, you can always contact me at KGBirder55@gmail.com.



Kathy Granillo - TWS
Southwest Section
Representative

Upcoming TWS Events



The Wildlife Society
Nutritional Ecology Working Group



Skills Workshop Announcement

Measuring Forage Quantity and Quality for Herbivores

November 15-17th, 2023 (3 full days) (Nov 18. optional extra day)

Texas A&M Kingsville, Kingsville, Texas

Cost \$500 (+\$85 for extra half day)

Organizers: Rachel Cook, David Hewitt, Ryan Long, Lisa Shipley, Don Spalinger

The TWS Nutritional Ecology Working Group, in collaboration with Texas A&M Kingsville, are pleased to announce registration is now open for the second skills workshop focused on measuring forage quantity and quality for herbivores. The workshop will include a mix of lectures taught by a diverse panel of instructors, hands-on exercises in the laboratory and in the field, and interactive group problem solving sessions. Our workshop qualifies for 15 continuing education units (CEUs) in Category 1 of the Certified Wildlife Biologist® Renewal/Professional Development Certificate Program.

Example Course Topics

- What's in 'food' and how do different foods vary in composition and nutritional value?
- Plant structure, composition, and phenology and how they relate to key nutritional assays.
- Nutritional requirements and secondary compound tolerances.
- Approaches to measuring plant abundance and quality.
- Strategies for sampling vegetation and interpreting results (e.g., sources of variation, sample sizes, sampling design, choosing methods, plant parts, animal requirements).
- Nutritional carrying capacity and animal 'foodscapes'.
- Case studies: integrating these techniques into research and management

Example Hands-On Exercises and Demonstrations

- Sample preservation/preparation for nutritional quality assays.
- Sequential fiber, crude protein, gross energy, digestible protein, in vitro digestibility, ether extract, total dietary fiber
- assays.
- Biomass sampling (clipped plots, double-sampling techniques).
- Mast/fruit biomass sampling techniques.

Optional Half Day (November 18th; Cost: \$85): Our main workshop will focus on how to measure quality and quantity of forage for herbivores. However, as we will emphasize, not all food is created equal. Even within plant species animals select to eat, plant characteristics can influence foraging attributes like bite size and bite mass which in turn influence daily nutrient intake. We will use a number of very tame white-tailed deer and feeding trials to offer a hands-on demonstration of relationships among plant traits, foraging behavior, diet selection and nutrient intake. Participants will gain an understanding of foraging behavior by measuring bite rate, bite mass, and diet selection on tame deer in a captive facility. Those data will then be used in the lab to explore effects on daily nutrient intake. In addition, we'll explore the ability of commonly used surrogates of nutrition (e.g., remotely sensed metrics) to quantify variation in forage characteristics at broad scales.

For more information or questions on this workshop contact Rachel Cook rachierae@gmail.com

<https://wildlife.org/newg/>

Partner's Corner

Texas Statewide Quail Symposium Set for August 16-18 in Abilene, TX

Covey up! It's been four years since the last Statewide Quail Symposium was held in Abilene. The conference will bring quail experts together to discuss quail management, research updates and quail conservation. The symposium is being hosted by the Rolling Plains Quail Research Foundation, Texas Parks & Wildlife Department, and the Texas Wildlife Association.

The event kicks off on August 16 with a tour of the Rolling Plains Quail Research Ranch located between Roby and Snyder, TX. Participants will then convene at the Abilene Convention Center on August 17-18 for presentations from leading experts on quail management and research. Sessions will cover everything from hunting gear and technology to resources for landowners to improve and maintain habitat for quail. Notable speakers will include Dr. Bill Palmer, research director and President of Tall Timbers, Dr. Fidel Hernandez with Caesar Kleberg Wildlife Research Institute, Rolling Plains Quail Research Foundation outreach director Dr. Dale Rollins and Texas Parks and Wildlife upland game bird program leader John McLaughlin.

Participants are encouraged to take advantage of discounted early registration by signing up before July 31 ([online](#) or via mail-in form) for \$75 or \$100 after the deadline. Students will enjoy further discounted rates of \$50 for early registration or \$75 after deadline.

More information about this event and poster submission guidelines are available by contacting Dana Wright with the Rolling Plains Quail Research Foundation at dwright@quailresearch.org or [online](#).

IT'S TIME TO REGISTER FOR THE
Statewide Quail Symposium
ABILENE, TEXAS
AUGUST 16-18, 2023

EARLY REGISTRATION UNTIL
JULY 31
\$75
STUDENTS \$50

AFTER JULY 31
\$100
STUDENTS \$75

For more information contact:
dwright@quailresearch.org

TO REGISTER

A quail is perched on a wooden post in the background.

CALL FOR POSTER PRESENTATIONS
Statewide Quail Symposium
ABILENE, TEXAS
AUGUST 16-18, 2023

Poster Presentation Abstract submission
deadline is July 15, 2023. Open to
undergraduate and graduate students, as
well as wildlife professionals.

For complete submission guidelines contact:
dwright@quailresearch.org

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So long and happy "tails"!

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