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Special points of interest:

- 2009 Wildlife Damage Management Conference
- First Look at the TWS Conference
- Bird Strike Conference
- WDMWG Reports from the 2008 TWS Meeting

Visit us on the web at:
<http://Wildlifedamagegroup.unl.edu>

SEE YOU IN SARATOGA! LETTERS FROM GARY

I would like to invite you to attend the 13th Wildlife Damage Management Conference in Saratoga, New York. The first conference was held at Cornell University in 1983. The name at that time was the Eastern Wildlife Damage Conference; it changed to the current name in 2000 and the Wildlife Damage Management Working Group started to take responsibility for the conference. Whatever the title, this year's program will be a good one. During this time of economic stress and government bail outs, the Planning Committee decided to reduce the length of the conference by a day to save some costs. Rich

Chipman and Paul Curtis negotiated with the Saratoga Hilton for the government rate. We will have Bob Henke, a retired Environmental Conservation Officer for New York, as our entertaining banquet speaker. Craig Coon, in cooperation with the Fish and Wildlife Service, is working on a *White-nose Syndrome in Bats* special session with a number of interesting speakers. The city and region offer a myriad of programs, sites and exciting destinations. We have tried to make registration for the conference and reservations at the hotel an easy on-line process. Please check later in the newsletter for details.

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A BRIEF REPORT FROM THE WDMWG MEETING AND THE 2008 TWS ANNUAL CONFERENCE

As always, the 15th annual TWS conference was a great venue to catch up with colleagues and professionals in the Wildlife Damage Management field. And this year we were able to enjoy the balmy Miami weather as a bonus. The conference offered a wealth of opportunities to begin and continue collaborations, learn new information, and catch up with old friends through Symposia and Sessions, and organized evening socials; of course there were the impromptu lunches and dinners as well.

The field of Wildlife Damage Management (WDM) continues to grow in numbers and diversity each year. Thus, each year, I find an increasing number of interesting discussions and research with a WDM theme presented at the national TWS conference. Of particular interest to myself, were Symposia and Sessions such as: Wildlife Damage Management, Wildlife Diseases and Toxicology, Trapping in 21st Century, Deer Ecology and Management in Developed Landscapes, Economic Growth and its Effect on Wildlife, and Avian Collisions. Needless to say, with all of these interest-

ing topics available, there were many 'conflicts' with my agenda (I used the online agenda builder this year!) as I found myself 'double-booked' and having to make decisions as to which of these great talks to attend. The WDM Working Group plans to continue this trend of providing topics in their subject area by proposing 2 symposia for the 2009 TWS conference in Monterey: T&E species and Non-lethal methods to manage wildlife.



Does anyone know where the WDMWG meeting room is?
Photo N. Frey

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NEW PRODUCT ANNOUNCEMENT

BACKYARD WILDLIFE: VOLE CONTROL AND GROUND SQUIRREL MANAGEMENT DVD



This is the second video in the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's Backyard Wildlife Series created by the Internet Center for Wildlife Damage Management (<http://icwdm.org>). These videos are designed to provide homeowners with the information they need to manage problem wildlife in an environmentally responsible way.

With the clarity of high-definition video, viewers are taught about the biology, damage, identification of damage, and control methods to manage voles and thirteen-lined ground squirrels. Each video explains the importance of safety and the principles involved in integrated pest management.

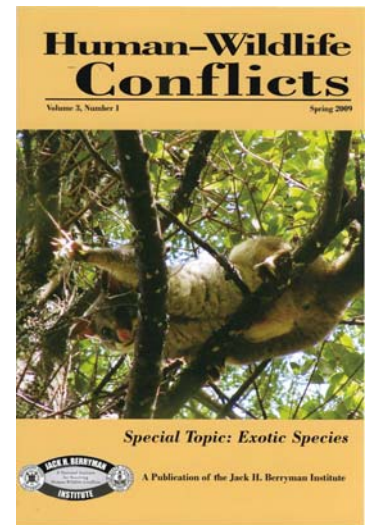
DVD 54 minutes \$14.95 + S&H

PUBLICATION ANNOUNCEMENT

LATEST ISSUE OF HUMAN WILDLIFE CONFLICTS IS NOW AVAILABLE

Volume 3-1 of Human-Wildlife Conflicts has hit mailboxes everywhere. This issue contained peer-reviewed manuscripts on wildlife damage management, commentary, editorials, book reviews, and obituaries, with a special focus on wildlife damage caused by exotic species.

For those of you who did not receive a copy of this publication, you can submit your request for a free copy to the Managing Editor, Phil Parisi, at hwc@cc.usu.edu. Authors who are interested in submitting manuscripts should contact Phil at the above email for information and a Guide to Authors or they can find the same information by visiting www.BerrymanInstitute.org. (include your name and mailing address). An on-line version of the journal can also be found at the Berryman Institute website at www.berrymaninstitute.org.



WDMWG Chair—Gary San Julien

FROM THE CHAIR (CONT. FROM PG. 1)

The Wildlife Damage Management Working Group met at the Wildlife Society meeting in Miami last November. We continue to have a committed and engaged Working Group Board. We have met by conference call several times since Miami. The Board does a great job, but it can only represent your concerns on or support for issues if you express your opinions to the Working Group officers. Their names and contact information is listed in the newsletter. The Working Group will meet next September at the TWS annual meeting in Monterey, California.

The Wildlife Damage Working Group is the largest working group in the Society and I believe the only one that has a confer-

ence. This is a reflection of the interest in the topic and the drive of the members. There are opportunities for members to get involved by volunteering for committees, running for offices, doing the newsletter or providing opinions to officers and board members. If you have any questions about these opportunities or the Working Group, please write to me and I will address them in upcoming newsletters.

I hope to see you in Saratoga in May.

It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness...

Charles Dickens, *A Tale of Two Cities*

TWS CONFERENCE REPORT (CONTINUED FROM PG. 1)

This year, the WDM Working Group had their meeting scheduled late in the conference: the afternoon of the last day. Still, we had a fairly large attendance of 35 members. Earlier this year, the group conducted online elections, with decent success; we had a voter turnout of 43%. So, at our annual meeting, we had some changes to make: Gary San Julian took the scepter of Chairman, Kurt VerCauteren became Chair-elect, and I became Secretary/Treasurer. Additionally, Bob Timm and Paul Curtis were re-elected to, and Rich Chipman joined, the WDM Working Group board.

In other news, the WDM Working Group is busy preparing the 13th Wildlife Damage Management conference. This year, we'll be holding the conference in Saratoga Springs, NY. Gary San Julian, our conference organizer,



WDMWG Secretary-Treasurer Nicki Frey.

has been brainstorming ideas to save costs to both the working group and meeting attendees. At our meeting in Miami, we debated many ideas including cancelling the field trip and thereby shortening the conference duration. Additionally, rather than mailing out announcements and advertisements, we've posted the details of the conference on the TWS website, advertised by email, and conducted most business regarding the conference via email to reduce mailing costs. Our plenary session on Tuesday May 5th is stacked with great presenters. Based on the concurrent session titles, it looks like my conference agenda will be 'double-booked' once again.

TWS Conference Report by WDMWG Secretary-Treasurer Nicki Frey.



CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT

BIRD STRIKE NORTH AMERICAN CONFERENCE

REGISTRATION IS OPEN for the 2009 Bird Strike North America Conference!

The next conference will be September 14-17, 2009 at the Delta Victoria Ocean Pointe Resort in Victoria, BC Canada.

2009 will be the 11th combined meeting of Bird Strike Committee USA and Bird Strike Committee Canada. Previous separate meetings of the two organizations have occurred over the last decade throughout the U.S. and Canada.

Presentations have included papers, posters and demonstrations on wildlife control techniques, new technologies, land-use issues, training, engineering standards, and habitat management. These presentations have all contributed to an enhanced awareness of the bird hazard issue.

Who attends a Bird Strike Conference?

- Airline personnel
- Aircraft owners and airline pilots
- Aircraft & aircraft engine manufacturers
- Airport operations personnel
- Land-use planners
- FAA and Transport Canada airport inspectors
- Military aviation groups
- University researchers
- Waste management operators
- Wildlife agencies
- Wildlife control specialists

To register visit:
www.birdstrikecanada.com



CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT

TWS CONFERENCE PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

Plenary Session

Sunday, September 20 at 1:30 pm: The Use and Abuse of Science in Wildlife Policy Decisions

Workshops

All workshops will be held on Thursday, September 24

- Conducting Effective Peer Reviews for Manuscript Submissions
- Wildlife Applications of Bayesian Survival Analysis Using WinBUGS
- Landing a Wildlife Job
- Map Your Study Area – Intro to GIS
- Introduction to Spatial Analyst Tool Box
- Urban Wildlife and Parks in the San Francisco Bay Area
- Avian Interactions with Power Lines
- Yes We Can: Achieving Biologist Diversity Within Our Profession
- Wildlife Communication Workshop
- Developer/Land Trust Partnerships for Conservation: The Santa Lucia Preserve

Breakfast Round Table

Educational Institutions as Distance Learning Publishers: Real World Challenges and Learning Copyright Law the Hard Way

Panel Discussion

Integrating GIS Ground-truthing into Habitat Surveys

Symposia

- Improving Wildlife Habitat Through the Effective use of Plants
- Trophic Matches and Mismatches for Wildlife in Changing Environments
- Broad-scale Wildlife Dynamics: A System Perspective
- Diseases Affecting Marine Wildlife: Causes, Conflicts, and Solutions
- Climate Change: Effects on Western North America Avifauna
- Greater Sage-Grouse: A Landscape Species and its Habitats
- Conservation Reliant Species: Our New Relationship with Nature
- Department of Defense Lands – Islands of Biodiversity

- Sea Level Rise and Impacts on National Wildlife Refuges
- The Cultural and Ecological Significance of American Bison Restoration
- The Challenges of Conserving Wildlife in a Changing Climate
- Interaction between Economic Growth and the North American Wildlife- Conservation Model
- Non-lethal Methods to Manage Wildlife
- Predator Management for Threatened and Endangered Species Protection
- Cross Border Issues In The Conservation of Wildlife
- Advocacy, Science, Policy and Professional Societies

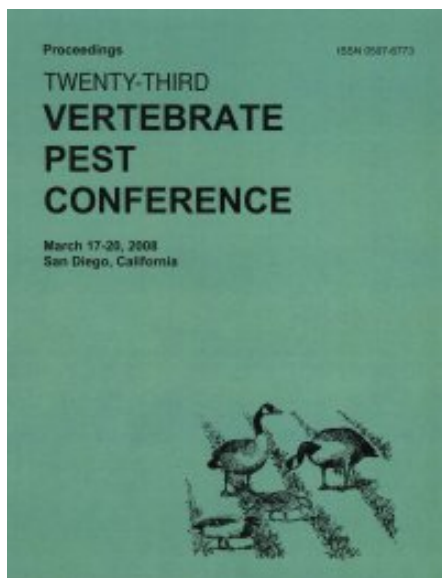
Contributed Paper and Poster Session Topics

- Conservation and Management of Birds
- Ecology and Habitat Relationships of Birds
- Population Dynamics of Birds
- Conservation and Management of Mammals
- Ecology and Habitat Relationships of Mammals
- Population Dynamics of Mammals
- Reptiles and Amphibians

SAVE the DATE

The Wildlife Society 16th Annual Conference
MONTEREY, CA - September 20-24, 2009

THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY
 MONTEREY 2009



NEW PUBLICATION AVAILABLE
 23RD VERTEBRATE PEST
 CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

Proceedings of the Twenty-Third Vertebrate Pest Conference, (VPC-2008). Published at the University of California, Davis, Published November, 2008 334 pp. ISSN: 0507-6773. Proceedings of the 23rd Vertebrate Pest Conference, March 17-20, 2008. San Diego, CA, arranged by the Vertebrate Pest Conference. Editors Robert M. Timm and Minoo B. Madon. Description: Includes papers on these and many more topics: Progress in Sensory Biology..., Rodents, Rodent Control, and Food Safety, Managing Gulls to Reduce Decal Coliform Bacteria in a Municipal Drinking Water Source, Rodenticide Misconceptions, Successful Use of Alarm and Alert Calls to Reduce Emerging Crop Damage by Resident Canada Geese..., Tetracycline as an Ingestible Biological Marker for Feral Pigs. Select from a paperback copy or the complete volume on CD-Rom. Visit the following website to order the Proceedings of the Twenty-Third Vertebrate Pest Conference: <http://nebraskamaps.unl.edu/viewPrd.asp?idcategory=579&idproduct=10765>

CALLS FROM THE FIELD (OR A HOUSE, OR A FARM, OR A...)

Indiana seems to be the Mecca for unidentified large black cats. On the Indiana Wildlife Conflicts Hotline, we recently received a call about a mysterious, large black cat roaming the woods. Luckily, the caller was able to photograph the critter to back up their story (see right - really, just off the center, there are two glowing beady eyes staring back at the photographer). Anyway, this was just one of a rash of calls about mysterious, large black cats in Indiana. Must be true if lots of folks are seeing these....right? Anyway, if anyone of our Wildlife Damage Management Working Group members have the expertise to ID wildlife based upon glowing eyeballs in the woods, please contact the editor. Thanks. Joe.



2009 WILDLIFE DAMAGE MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE

PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE

For More Information Visit:
<http://wildlifedamagegroup.unl.edu/meetings.html>

13th Wildlife Damage Management Conference will be held on May 4-7, 2009 in Saratoga, NY. Additional details about the conference can be found in this issue of Interactions or on the Wildlife Damage Management Working Group web site <http://wildlifedamagegroup.unl.edu/meetings.html>

- Pest Control Operators
- Students
- Wildlife Control Operators

Who Should Attend?

In the past, conference participants have varied greatly in both experiences and professions. However different they may seem, they all are brought together for a common goal of finding solutions to human-wildlife conflicts.

Past participants have included:

- Animal Control Personnel
- Extension Specialists and Agents
- Natural Resource Managers
- Public Health Biologists
- Researchers
- State and Federal Wildlife Mangers

Conference Schedule

Monday, May 4, 2009

Evening: Welcome Reception

Tuesday, May 5, 2009

Morning: Opening Plenary Session

Afternoon: Special Topics

Evening: White-nose Syndrome Special Session

Wednesday, May 6, 2009

Morning: Concurrent Sessions

Afternoon: Concurrent Sessions

Evening: Banquet

2009 WILDLIFE DAMAGE MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

The Thirteenth Wildlife Damage Management Conference will be held Monday through Wednesday, May 4 - 6, 2009, in The Saratoga Hilton in Saratoga Springs, New York. The Conference features 2 days of presentations, workshops and selected papers.

Conference Registration

Conference Registration at:
<http://wdmwg.dynabytes.com>

Only registered participants will be admitted to the Conference Sessions. All registrations will be done on-line with the exception of walk in registration at the Conference. On-line pre-registration can be completed at <http://wdmwg.dynabytes.com> The Pre-registration fee is \$225.00 (USD) (1 day Pre-registration is \$125.00) and includes a CD of the Proceedings to be mailed to you upon publication (approximately 6-8 months following the Conference). The Student registration fee is \$50.00 (USD) (no 1-day fee option). Pre-registration must be accompanied by your payment and postmarked by April 17, 2009. Pre registration saves you money and time.

Pre-registration fees will be refunded, minus 10% administration fee, only if the request for refund is postmarked on or before April 17, 2009. No refunds will be granted after this date. Pre-registration fees can, however, be transferred to another individual to permit their attendance in your place. In this case, the WDMWG Secretary/ Treasurer must be notified of this change by phone, FAX or mail, prior to the Conference. Registration on-site will be at the rate of \$275.00 (USD) per person (1-day regular registration is \$175.00). On-line registration at: <http://wdmwg.dynabytes.com>

Hotel Reservations

The Conference has a block of rooms set aside at The Saratoga Hilton, Saratoga, New York. Rooms will be available at the Conference Rate of 106.00 per night for single, double, triple or quads in the room from May 4-6, 2009. Reservations can be made by calling 1-888-866-3596, to receive the conference rate, you must indicate you are attending the Wildlife Damage Management Meeting or visit the web site at: <http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/ALBSAHF-ACCM-20090504/index.jhtml>

It is approximately 28.6 miles and about 35 minutes driving time from the airport to the Hilton.

The Saratoga Hilton is located within walking distance to a number of attractions and restaurants. The Saratoga National Golf Club will be open if you want to play a round or you can hike in the famous Adirondacks. You can ask the hotel staff for directions or recommendation to the local attractions, which include:

- New York State Military & Veteran's Museum (0.5 mi.)
- The Children's Museum at Saratoga (0.5 mi.)
- The Saratoga Experience (1 mi.)
- Regent Street Antique Center (1 mi.)
- The National Museum of Racing & Thoroughbred Hall of Fame (1 mi.)
- Saratoga Performing Arts Center (1 mi.)
- Saratoga Equine Sports Center (1.5 mi.)
- The Lincoln and Roosevelt Bath Houses (2 mi.)
- National Museum & Dance Hall of Fame (2 mi.)
- Saratoga Automobile Museum (2 mi.)
- Saratoga Spa State Park (2 mi.)
- The Saratoga National Golf Club (3.5 mi.)
- Saratoga Battlefield National Historic Park (8 mi.)
- Airway Meadows Golf Course (10 mi.)

Hotel Registration at:
<http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/ALBSAHF-ACCM-20090504/index.jhtml>


The Saratoga Hilton



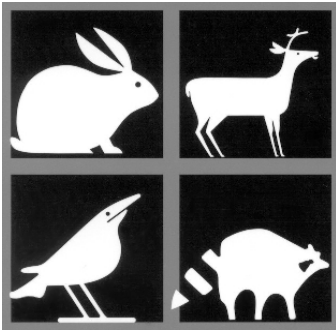
Social Event

A Welcome Reception is planned for Monday evening, May 4, 2009. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar will be offered (6:00 - 8:00 pm); this event is included with the price of registration.

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The Wildlife Society Wildlife Damage Management Working Group

Our Mission:

The mission of the Wildlife Damage Management Working Group is to promote better understanding of the challenges of managing human-wildlife conflicts and to provide a forum for TWS members to advance their skills and knowledge of wildlife damage management practices.

Our Goals:

- Enhance understanding within the profession and various stakeholder groups of the need for responsible wildlife damage management activities.
- Facilitate information transfer to wildlife management professionals and various publics.
- Serve as a professional catalyst, clearinghouse, and conduit for wildlife damage management information.
- Assist TWS Council and resource management agencies with wildlife damage management policy formulation, analysis, and decision making.
- Promote development of new technologies and maintenance of existing cost-effective management tools.

UPCOMING MEETINGS, CONFERENCES, AND EVENTS

May 2009

The 13th Annual Wildlife Damage Management Conference will be held on May 4-6, 2009, in Saratoga, New York. See this issue for details.

June 2009

June 15, 2009 is the deadline for abstracts to be submitted to the 24th Vertebrate Pest Conference in Sacramento, California. Contact Terrell P. Salmon, Program Chair, at tpsalmon@ucdavis.edu for more information.

The Urban Wildlife Ecology and Management Conference will be held in Amherst Massachusetts, on June 22-24, 2009. Details about the conference can be found at http://www.people.umass.edu/sdstef/urban_conference.html

August 2009

A deer damage management workshop will be held in Carter Lake, Iowa on August 4-6, 2009. Details about the workshop can be found at <http://icwdm.org/credits/deerdamagemanagement.asp>.

September 2009

The 16th Annual Meeting of The Wildlife Society will be held in Monterey, California on September 20-24. Visit www.wildlife.org or see conference information in this issue of Interactions.

February 2010

You are cordially invited to attend and participate in the Twenty-Fourth Vertebrate Pest Conference. This Conference is an educational event for discussing and exchanging information on human-wildlife conflicts. The Conference will be held February 22-25, 2010 at the Holiday Inn Sacramento-Capitol Plaza.

