



Wildlife Technical Session

(includes agendas for deer and bobwhite predation workshops)

Monday, November 2

International Ballroom E, M-2

Moderator: Dr. Steve Demarais, *Professor of Wildlife Management, Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Aquaculture, Mississippi State University*

*(*Indicates student presenter. Presenters' names are listed in **bold**.)*

- 1:00 p.m.** **Space Use and Survival of Male White-tailed Deer in a Bottomland Hardwood Forest of South-central Louisiana**
Justin W. Thayer, **Michael J. Chamberlain** and Scott Durham,
Louisiana State University and Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
- 1:20 p.m.** **Behavioral Responses of Male White-tailed Deer to Antler Rattling**
Mickey W. Hellickson, Karl V. Miller, R. Larry Marchinton, Charles A. DeYoung and Robert E. Hall, *University of Georgia and Caesar Kleberg Wildlife Research Institute*
- 1:40 p.m.*** **Effects of an Intensive Predator Removal on White-tailed Deer Recruitment in Northeastern Alabama**
Cory L. Van Gilder, Grant R. Woods and Karl V. Miller, *University of Georgia and Woods & Associates, Inc.*
- 2:00 p.m.*** **Predator Removal and White-tailed Deer Recruitment in Southwestern Georgia**
M. Brent Howze, L. Mike Conner, Robert J. Warren and Karl V. Miller,
University of Georgia and Joseph W. Jones Ecological Research Center
- 2:20 p.m.*** **Masting Characteristics of White Oaks: Implications for Management**
Marcus Lashley, **John M. McCord**, Cathryn H. Greenberg and Craig Harper,
University of Tennessee, Knoxville, and USDA Forest Service Southern Research Station
- 2:40 p.m.*** **Wildlife Management and Conservation on Private Lands in Florida**
Adam S. Wilcox, William M. Guiliano, Chris Wynn and J. Scott Sanders,
University of Florida and Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission
- 3:00 p.m.** **BREAK**

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Moderator: Christine Willis, *Supervisory Fish & Wildlife Biologist, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service*

- 3:20 p.m.** **Population Status and Habitat Associations of Cerulean Warblers from the Southern-most Breeding Range in Alabama**
Yong Wang, **John Carpenter**, Callie Jo Schweitzer and Mark Sasser, *Alabama A&M University, USDA Forest Service Southern Research Station and Alabama Department of Conservation & Natural Resources*
- 3:40 p.m.** **Comparison of Methods for Estimating Key Largo Woodrat Abundance**
Chris Winchester, **Steven B. Castleberry** and Michael T. Mengak, *University of Georgia*
- 4:00 p.m.*** **Seasonal Effects of Prescribed Burning and Roller-chopping on Saw Palmetto in Florida Flatwoods**
Emma V. Wilcox and William M. Guiliano, *University of Florida*
- 4:20 p.m.** **Winter Abundance of Waterfowl and Waste Rice in Managed Arkansas Rice Fields**
J. Houston Havens, Richard M. Kaminski, J. Brian Davis and Samuel K. Riffell, *Mississippi State University and Ducks Unlimited*

Tuesday, November 3

International Ballroom E, M-2

Moderator: Chuck Waters, *Region Supervisor, Georgia DNR Wildlife Resources Division*

- 8:00 a.m.*** **Prevalence and Genetic Characterization of *Baylisascaris procyonis* from Raccoons from Georgia**
Emily Blizzard, Cheryl D. Davis, Scott Henke, David B. Long and Michael Yabsley, *University of Georgia, Southeastern Cooperative Wildlife Disease Study, Western Kentucky University, Caesar Kleberg Wildlife Research Institute, and USDA-APHIS-Wildlife Services*
- 8:20 a.m.*** **Geographic Distribution and Prevalence of (*Cytauxzoon felis*) in Wild Felids**
Barbara C. Shock, Staci M. Murphy, Laura L. Patton, Philip M. Shock, Colleen Olfenbuttel, Jeff Beringer, Suzanne Prange, Dorothy Fecske, Matt Peek, Victor F. Nettles, Holly Brown, David S. Peterson and Michael J. Yabsley, *Southeastern Cooperative Wildlife Disease Study, University of Georgia, Kentucky Department of Fish & Wildlife Resources, West Virginia Department of Natural Resources, North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission, Missouri Department of Conservation, Ohio Department of Natural Resources, North Dakota Game & Fish, and Kansas Department of Fish & Wildlife*
- 8:40 a.m.*** **Evaluation of Canada Geese (*Branta canadensis*) as Sentinels for Detecting Local Transmission of Avian Influenza Virus**
Whitney Kistler, Michael J. Yabsley, David Stallknecht, Thomas J. Deliberto, Kyle Van Why, Paul C. Wolf, Darren L. Bruning, James C. Cumbee, Randall M. Mickley and Carl W. Betsill, *University of Georgia, Southeastern Cooperative Wildlife Disease Study and USDA-APHIS-Wildlife Services*

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- 9:00 a.m.** **Amphibian Ranavirus Surveillance: Sample Type and Biosecurity**
Debra L. Miller, Jason T. Hoverman and Matthew J. Gray, *University of Georgia and University of Tennessee*
- 9:20 a.m.** **Do Foraging Birds Naturally Ingest Lead Shot Pellets? Results with Rock Pigeons (*Columbia livia*)**
Joshua Campbell, Richard Pirkle, Danielle Lowhorn, Hannah L. Ball and Tara Newby, *Shorter College*
- 9:40 a.m.** **Hunting and Non-hunting College Students' Perceptions of Wildlife and Each Other**
Nils Peterson, Christopher S. DePerno, Christopher E. Moorman, Kathryn A. Cunningham, Jared P. Milrad, Jason D. Riddle and Todi A. Steelman, *North Carolina State University*
- 10:00 a.m.** **BREAK**
- Moderator:** Dr. Mike Conner, *Associate Scientist Wildlife Ecology, Joseph W. Jones Ecological Research Center*
- 10:20 a.m.*** **Influence of Annual Survival on Population Viability of Northern Bobwhite**
Carlos A. Lopez-Morales, Erin E. Cord and Fidel Hernandez, *Caesar Kleberg Wildlife Research Institute, Texas A&M University-Kingsville*
- 10:40 a.m.** **Reproductive Ecology of Resident and Translocated Northern Bobwhites in Florida Rangelands**
Brandon J. Schad, William M. Giuliano and Robert W. Hoffman, *University of Florida*
- 11:00 a.m.** **Vegetation Response to Timing of Discing to Manage Northern Bobwhite Habitat in Texas**
Fidel Hernandez, J. Lane Roberson, Ralph L. Bingahm, Stephen J. DeMaso, Robert M. Perez, Timothy E. Fulbright and Leonard A. Brennan, *Caesar Kleberg Wildlife Research Institute*
- 11:20 a.m.*** **Precision Conservation: Using Technology to Optimize Conservation Profitability in Agricultural Landscapes**
Mark D. McConnell and Loren W. Burger, *Mississippi State University*
- 11:40 a.m.*** **The Relationship Between Size of Wildlife Openings and Bird Use in the East Gulf Coastal Plain**
Carrie B. Johnson and James B. Grand, *Auburn University and USGS-Alabama Cooperative Fish & Wildlife Research Unit*
- 12:00 p.m.** **LUNCH**

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Predation & Deer Management in the Southeast Workshop

Moderator: John W. Bowers, *Assistant Chief, Georgia DNR Wildlife Resources Division*

- 1:00 p.m.** **Setting the Stage – Coyotes in the Southeast and Evidence of an Impact**
Dr. Karl V. Miller, *Professor of Wildlife Management, University of Georgia Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources*
- 1:15 p.m.** **Building the Evidence**
Dr. John Kilgo, *Research Wildlife Biologist, USDA Forest Service Southern Research Station*
- 1:30 p.m.** **Predator Ecology – Implications for Predator Control**
Dr. Mike Conner, *Associate Scientist Wildlife Ecology, Joseph W. Jones Ecological Research Center*
- 1:45 p.m.** **A Silver Lining – Benefits of Coyotes in High-Density Deer Populations**
Dr. Steve Demarais, *Professor of Wildlife Management, Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Aquaculture, Mississippi State University*
- 2:00 p.m.** **Shooting from the Hip:** Audience Discussion and Q&A
- 3:00 p. m.** **BREAK**

Bobwhite Predation Workshop

Moderator: Reggie Thackston, *Private Lands Program Manager, Georgia DNR Wildlife Resources Division*

- 3:20 p.m.** **Bobwhite Predation Management – Ecology & Philosophy**
Dr. John Carroll, *Professor Wildlife Ecology and Management, University of Georgia Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources*
- 3:35 p.m.** **Bobwhite Predation in the Southeast**
Dr. Bill Palmer, *Director of Game Bird Research, Tall Timbers Research Station and Land Conservancy*
- 4:05 p.m.** **Bobwhite Predation in Texas**
Dr. Stephen DeMaso, *Director of Upland Gamebird Research, Caesar Kleberg Wildlife Research Institute, Texas A&M University-Kingsville*
- 4:35 p.m.** **Shooting from the Hip:** Audience Discussion and Q&A

(Please note: Today's breakfast and breaks have been moved to the Prefunction Area on M-2.)

Moderator: Billy Minser, *Research Associate, Department of Forestry, Wildlife and Fisheries, University of Tennessee, Knoxville*

8:00 a.m. Survival Rates of Breakaway Leather Spacers on Radio Collars for Black Bears in Georgia
Bobby T. Bond, Gregory D. Balkcom, J. Scott McDonald, Jeffery M. Bewsher and John W. Bowers, *Georgia DNR Wildlife Resources Division*

8:20 a.m. A Comparison of Attitudes of Hunters and Nonhunters Toward Lethal Control of Black Bears in Middle Georgia
Josh D. Agee and **Craig A. Miller**, *Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission and University of Georgia*

8:40 a.m. Surveys of Black Bear Hunters on Private Forest Ownerships in Eastern North Carolina
Darren A. Miller, Mark D. Jones, Colleen Olfenbuttel, Bryan D. Hulka and Jo Hughes, *Weyerhaeuser NR Company and North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission*

9:00 a.m. Factors Influencing Hunter Satisfaction of Special Opportunity Spring Turkey Hunts in Florida
Roger D. Shields, Larry S. Perrin and David S. Nicholson, *Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission*

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