



Recognized Members of the  
Wisconsin Chapter of The Wildlife Society

1972 to 2023

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# Birth of the WCTWS

Participants at Founding Meeting, April 29, 1972

(Founding individuals, 50 of 59 recorded)



1. Cy Kabat, WDNR\*
2. Paul Brandt, WDNR\*
3. Bruce Gruthoff, WDNR<sup>L</sup>
4. Robert Dreis, WDNR\*
5. Roger Amundson, WDNR\*
6. Terry Valen, WDNR<sup>L</sup>
7. Don Gamble, Marquette University\*
8. Tom Becker, WDNR<sup>L</sup>
9. Don Bublitz, WDNR\*
10. Jim Raber, WDNR<sup>L</sup>
11. Chip Sandker, UWSP student<sup>?</sup>
12. Pete Finley, UWSP student<sup>?</sup>
13. Lee Hammen, unemployed<sup>?</sup>
14. Stan Schneider, UWSP grad stu.<sup>?</sup>
15. Bruce Markert, UWSP student<sup>L</sup>
16. Tom Moore, UWSP<sup>?</sup>
17. Joe Haug, WDNR<sup>L</sup>
18. Jim March, WDNR<sup>L</sup>
19. Phil Vanderschaegen<sup>L</sup>
20. Bruce Kohn, WDNR<sup>L</sup>
21. Larry Martoglio, USFS\*
22. Gary Greiling, citizen<sup>L</sup>
23. Robert Dumke, WDNR\*
24. Paul Matthiae, UW-Milwaukee<sup>?</sup>
25. Bill Meier, UWSP grad student<sup>L</sup>
26. Carl McIlquham, WDNR<sup>L</sup>
27. Joel Stone, WDNR<sup>?</sup>
28. Pat Martinkovic, UWSP student
29. John Kubisiak, WDNR<sup>L</sup>
30. Rod Bahr, WDNR<sup>L</sup>
31. Tom Hansen, WDNR<sup>L</sup>
32. Jerry Rieckhoff, WDNR\*
33. Cliff Wiita, WDNR\*
34. Larry Gregg, WDNR<sup>L</sup>
35. Jim Evrard, WDNR\*
36. George Gottier, UWSP student<sup>?</sup>
37. Ray Vienit, UWSP student<sup>?</sup>
38. James Baumgart, UWSP student<sup>?</sup>
39. James Hale, WDNR\*
40. Bob Ruff, UW-Madison<sup>L</sup>
41. Ed Frank, WDNR<sup>L</sup>
42. Lyle Nauman, UWSP<sup>L</sup>
43. Charley White, UWSP<sup>L</sup>
44. William Creed, WDNR\*
45. Frank Haberland, WDNR<sup>L</sup>
46. Steve Goddard, UW-River Falls<sup>?</sup>
47. Fred Baumgartner, UWSP<sup>?</sup>
48. Daniel Trainer, UWSP\*
49. Dick Johnson, WDNR<sup>L</sup>
50. Herman Olson, citizen\*

\*Deceased

<sup>L</sup> Living as of January 15, 2023

<sup>?</sup> Unknown

# WCTWS Presidents 1972 – 2023

Presidents have general supervision of Chapter officers. They appoint, with the advice of the Executive Board, Chairpersons for all regular and special committees. They preside as the Chair at meetings of the Executive Board and are an ex-officio member of all committees. The President and Executive Board co-plan the Annual Meeting with the President-elect. The President serves as Chapter Representative on the Executive Board of the North Central Section or appoints an alternate. The President may serve as a representative or liaison to other Chapters, Sections, Society boards, or committees. Those listed have served the WCTWS admirably over the past 50 years and have helped shape the WCTWS into what it is today.



*Daniel O. Trainer, first President of WCTWS*

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|----------|-----------------|----------|-------------------------|
| 1. 1972  | Daniel Trainer  | 27. 1998 | Mark Boyce              |
| 2. 1973  | Ed Frank        | 28. 1999 | Mike Foy                |
| 3. 1974  | Jim Hale        | 29. 2000 | Jerry Bartelt           |
| 4. 1975  | Charley White   | 30. 2001 | Jon Gilbert             |
| 5. 1976  | Keith McCaffery | 31. 2002 | Tim Grunewald           |
| 6. 1977  | Jim March       | 32. 2003 | Jim Ruwaldt             |
| 7. 1978  | Don Rusch       | 33. 2004 | Adrian Wydeven          |
| 8. 1979  | Ruth Hine       | 34. 2005 | Tim Van Deelen          |
| 9. 1980  | Chuck Pils      | 35. 2006 | Michele Windsor         |
| 10. 1981 | Carl Batha      | 36. 2007 | Karl Martin             |
| 11. 1982 | Scott Craven    | 37. 2008 | Jamie Nack              |
| 12. 1983 | Kirk Beattie    | 38. 2009 | Harvey Halvorsen        |
| 13. 1984 | Paul Matthiae   | 39. 2010 | Scott Walter            |
| 14. 1985 | Bob Ruff        | 40. 2011 | David Drake             |
| 15. 1986 | Tom Meier       | 41. 2012 | Scott Hull              |
| 16. 1987 | Doris Rusch     | 42. 2013 | Tami Ryan               |
| 17. 1988 | Tom Hauge       | 43. 2014 | Scott Craven            |
| 18. 1989 | Alan Crossley   | 44. 2015 | Mark Pfost              |
| 19. 1990 | Paul Kooiker    | 45. 2016 | Jason Riddle            |
| 20. 1991 | Rick Young      | 46. 2017 | Derek Johnson           |
| 21. 1992 | Peter David     | 47. 2018 | Jeremy Holtz            |
| 22. 1993 | Bruce Bacon     | 48. 2019 | Scott Hygnstrom         |
| 23. 1994 | Randy Jurewicz  | 49. 2020 | Bob Holsman             |
| 24. 1995 | John Olson      | 50. 2021 | Christine Anhalt-Depies |
| 25. 1996 | Todd Peterson   | 51. 2022 | Lacey Hill-Kastern      |
| 26. 1997 | Dan Dessecker   | 52. 2023 | Ken Pemble              |

# WCTWS Wisconsin Award

1977 – 2021

The chapter's highest honor recognizes overall achievement or service by an individual or group that exemplifies the highest standards of the wildlife profession. The award is intended to be given out annually and nominees are rated on the basis of their overall achievement or service to the wildlife

profession in the fields of management, research, teaching, public relations, or legislative direction.

Recipients may be any member of the wildlife profession and its supporting disciplines, including members of governing bodies.



1977 Joseph Hickey	1991 not awarded	2006 Edward Frank
1978 not awarded	1992 James Hale	2007 Gerald Bartelt
1979 Frederick and Frances Hamerstrom	1993 Daniel Trainer	2008 not awarded
1980 William Green	1994 Cy Kabat	2009 James March
1981 not awarded	1995 not awarded	2010 Carl Batha
1982 Robert McCabe	1996 C. D. "Buzz" Besadny	2011 Alan Crossley
1983 UWSP-Student Chapter	1997 not awarded	2012 Adrian Wydeven
1984 Paul Olson	1998 John Kubisiak	2013 Tim Van Deelen
1985 Ruth Hine	1999 Donald Rusch	2014 James Hardin
1986 Richard Hunt	2000 Charles Pils	2015 Eric Anderson
1987 Forest Stearns	2001 Keith McCaffery	2016 Tom Hauge
1988 not awarded	2002 Scott Craven	2017 Tom Nicholls
1989 not awarded	2003 James Evrard	2018 Mike Foy
1990 not awarded	2004 Bruce Kohn	2019 Tami Ryan
	2005 not awarded	2020 Ron Eckstein
		2021 Robert Rolley

## Don Rusch Memorial Award 2006 – 2021

This award is presented annually to a nominee who has made an outstanding contribution to wildlife conservation. They must be a wildlife professional actively working in the field of management, research, or education in the State of Wisconsin; a member in good standing of the Wisconsin Chapter of TWS; and an active participant in or a strong supporter of the role of hunting in wildlife conservation.



2006 John Olson

2014 Ken Jonas

2007 Laine Stowell

2015 Gary Zimmer

2008 Brian Buenzow

2016 not awarded

2009 Charlie Kilian

2017 Jamie Nack

2010 Art Kitchen

2018 Scott Walter

2011 Mike Foy

2019 Kevin Wallenfang

2012 Jim Holzwart

2020 Sara Kehrli

2013 Scott Hull

2021 Jeff Pritzl

## WCTWS Special Service Recognition Award 2006 - 2021

The Special Service Recognition Award is bestowed upon those who have made a significant impact directly or in support of wildlife management or as a WCTWS member who has gone above and beyond the normal duties of a general or Executive Board member. We only have records of recipients over the past 10 years. As names are added, we will include them in the list posted on the WCTWS website.



2016 Lesa Kardash

2020 Jamie Nack

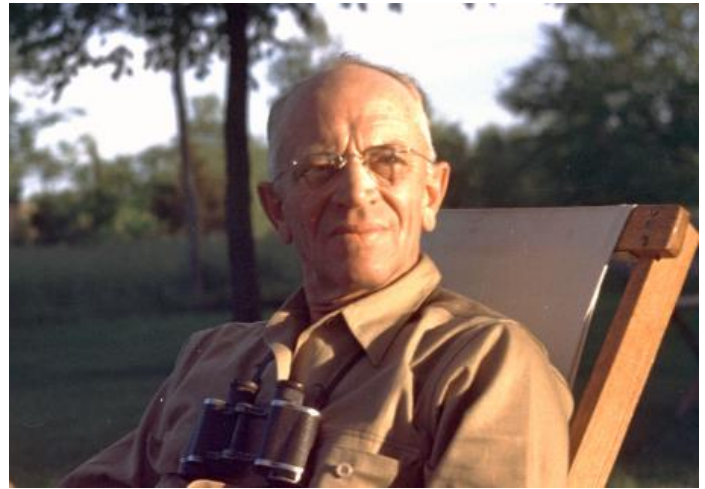
2018 Tim Eisele

2021 Brad Strobel



# WCTWS

## Aldo Leopold Memorial Scholarship 1994 – 2022



This scholarship provides support and recognition for future wildlife researchers and managers who are continuing their professional training. Currently scholarships are awarded to one graduate student and one undergraduate student who has made a commitment to the wildlife profession and has shown exceptional commitment to developing themselves professionally.

1994	Al Guggisberg	UW-Stevens Point
1995	Matthew Becker	UW-Madison
1996	Carol Strojny	UW-Stevens Point
1997	Laura (Denter) Huber	UW-Stevens Point
1998	Travis Booms	UW-Stevens Point
1999	Jamie (Drossel) Nack	UW-Stevens Point
2000	Angela (Wiegel) Wescott	UW-Stevens Point
2001	Matt Ruwaldt	UW-Madison
2002	Louise Venne	UW-Stevens Point
2003	Matthew Schmidt	UW-Stevens Point
2004	Ryan Schmitz	UW-Platteville
2005	Benjamin Pauli	Lawrence University
2006	Amy VanderVoort	UW-Madison
2007	Ashley Gramza	UW-Madison
2008	Linda Christine Lyon	UW-Madison
2009	Ryan Stephens (ugrad)	UW-Stevens Point
	Karl Malcolm (grad)	UW-Madison

## Aldo Leopold Memorial Scholarship

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2010	Kelly VanBeek (ugrad)	UW-Stevens Point
	Amanda Cyr (grad)	UW-Stevens Point
2011	Hans Martin (ugrad)	UW-Madison
	Jennifer Stenglein (grad)	UW-Madison
2012	Alyssa DeRubeis (ugrad)	UW-Stevens Point
	Ryan Stephens (grad)	UW-Stevens Point
2013	Katherine Moratz (ugrad)	UW-Stevens Point
	Ona Alminas (grad)	UW-Milwaukee
2014	Tyler Garwood (ugrad)	UW-Madison
	Andrew Norton (grad)	UW-Madison
2015	Molly O'Grady (ugrad)	UW-Stevens Point
	Rachel Toldness (grad)	UW-Milwaukee
2016	Lucas Olson (ugrad)	UW-Madison
	Philip Manlick (grad)	UW-Madison
2017	Lisa Zoromski (ugrad)	UW-Stevens Point
	Genelle Uhrig (grad)	UW-Milwaukee
2018	Rachel Konkel (ugrad)	UW-Stevens Point
	Christine Anhalt-Depies (grad)	UW-Madison
2019	McKenna Hammons (ugrad)	UW-Stevens Point
	Brendan Hobart (grad)	UW-Madison
2020	Joseph Quehl (ugrad)	UW-Stevens Point
	Jade Arneson (grad)	UW-Green Bay
2021	Ella Shively (ugrad)	Northland College
	Jennifer Merems (grad)	UW-Madison
2022	Noah Andexler (ugrad)	UW-Stevens Point
	Hannah Butkiewicz (grad)	UW-Stevens Point

# Frances 'Fran' Hamerstrom Memorial Scholarship

2021 – 2022

This scholarship stokes the fires of inspiration for students in the early stages of their undergraduate education. It supports innovators, emboldens those that share Fran's free spirit to advance our field forward, and in so doing, honor the memory of Frances 'Fran' Hamerstrom. It is awarded to undergraduate students who have made a commitment to the wildlife profession, are in the early stages of their formal education, and have demonstrated great potential through creative thinking and nontraditional solutions to complex problems.



2021	Amber Smith (ugrad)	UW-Stevens Point
2022	not awarded	

# James W. Hardin Memorial Scholarship 2022 – 2021

This scholarship recognizes early-stage undergraduate wildlife students who show great commitment to the field of wildlife and have demonstrated a high level of academic performance. In so doing, we honor the memory of "Gentleman Jim" Hardin.



2021	Brilyn Brecka (ugrad)	UW-Stevens Point
2022	Kayla Okla (ugrad)	UW-Madison