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PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

It has been almost a year since taking over the role as the chapter president and it has been a whirlwind to say the least. I look forward to continuing to serve in this capacity and eager to take on the challenges that lie ahead. As we move forward, I do want to take a moment and thank Holly Ober for her service as president and continued role as past president. The demands of this position are significant and she did a great job representing us as president. Thanks Holly!

The chapter has been busy since the Spring 2019 conference, including hosting our annual fall workshop at the University of Central Florida. The workshop focused on upland plant identification and was attended by over 20 participants. The Southeast Section of the Wildlife Society recently announced they will be hosting the first annual Wildlife and Forestry Field Techniques Course next summer at the Jones Center at Ichauway in Newton, Georgia. This course is designed to provide real hands-on opportunities for students to learn how to conduct various field surveys for habitats and wildlife, prescribed fire, wildlife tracking, and much more. FLTWS member Dan Greene played an integral role in bringing this course to fruition and we thank him for his time and effort towards this worthy cause. The board is also pleased to announce that we will be providing a full scholarship for one student to attend on behalf of the chapter.

We are hard at work planning our Spring 2020 conference in Jacksonville and you can find the meeting announcement inside. I encourage each of you to get engaged and contribute your talents and time to our chapter. We are always looking for individuals to help with various aspects of the spring and fall conferences. Several committee and board positions remain unfilled, along with many

other ways to contribute as our conference approaches. We are fortunate to have both new and first-time board members on the board currently, and have benefitted greatly from their fresh perspectives. Feel free to reach out to any of the board or committee members to get involved. Thanks everyone and look forward to seeing you at the 2020 Spring Conference!

Sincerely,
Mark Ausley
President, FLTWS
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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Arnold Brunell is a long-time contributing member of the Florida Chapter of The Wildlife Society who has devoted his time and research to the society for over 25 years. Arnold has been working as an associate research scientist for the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission since 1989 and served as President of the Florida Chapter from 2009-2010. He currently resides in Apopka, Florida and conducts research on Florida wildlife and ecosystems. Brunell started his academic journey as a graduate from the University of Florida with a Bachelor of Science in Wildlife Management and went on to earn his Master's in Wildlife Ecology at the University of Kentucky. Mr. Brunell then became very involved with the research of wildlife in Florida and their conservation.

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Much of Brunell's research is focused on the American alligator (*Alligator mississippiensis*), which is a very prevalent species in all of Florida. Brunell generally studies the genetic makeup and physiology of the alligators and has conducted many experiments comparing the lengths of these animals. Some papers Mr. Brunell has written are "Global DNA methylation loss associated with mercury contamination and aging in the American alligator" and "Effects of exposure of crude oil in in vitro on sex determination in the American alligator". Brunell is also often called in to serve as an expert when alligators of extreme length are found in the state.

Mr. Brunell continues to play a big role in the Florida Chapter of the Wildlife Society and is thanked for his dedication to the Society over the years.

Want to highlight a program, project, or member? Send photos and a short description to: the editor, Jen Korn at jennifer.korn@fltws.org

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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Retirement = Steve Rockwood!!!



After 33 years with FWC, Steve Rockwood is retiring and heading off into the sunset. No, really. He's moving with his lovely wife Teresa to Austin, Texas where he'll be doing at least some part time work with Ducks Unlimited and living life as large as the state he's moving to. His last day with the Commission was October 17, 2019.



STUDENT CHAPTER SPOTLIGHT



The UF Student Chapter of The Wildlife Society allows students to build wildlife skills and network with wildlife professionals. Fall 2019 events included a Firearms Skills Day with FWC, a prescribed burn day with Florida Forest Service, recruitment opportunities by Desert Ranches and USDA/APHIS Florida Wildlife Services, manatee health assessments with USGS, and an educational tour of Ashton Biological Preserve. The chapter partnered with the UF Wildlife Graduate Students Association's Mentor/Mentee program to provide UF TWS members with career mentorship and research opportunities from graduate students. Additionally, two UF TWS members received funding from UF's Wildlife Ecology and Conservation department to attend the joint TWS and AFS conference in Reno, Nevada and represent the Student Chapter.

UF TWS is committed to community education, participating in outreach events such as the Natural Resources Diversity Initiative Career Showcase, the College of Agricultural and Life Science's Kick-Off, Lubee Bat Conservancy's 2019 Florida Bat Festival, University of Florida's TailGATOR, and presentations about conservation at local Alachua schools.

The chapter is busy preparing for their annual wild game dinner, Beast Feast, in February of 2020! Keep an eye out for event details in late fall.

For more information visit the chapter's Facebook page [here](#).



SPRING 2019 MEETING AWARDS

As we approach the 2020 Annual Meeting, we would like to once again acknowledge the award winners from the Spring 2019 Annual Meeting.



Citizen Conservation Award—Jane Schnee (left)



Influential Women in Wildlife—Monica Folk (right)



Courtney A. Tye Memorial Graduate Scholarship—Simona Picardi (UF), left



Greater Everglades Undergraduate Student Scholarship—Joanna Ennis (UF), middle



Minority Undergraduate Student Scholarship—Camya Robinson (UF), right



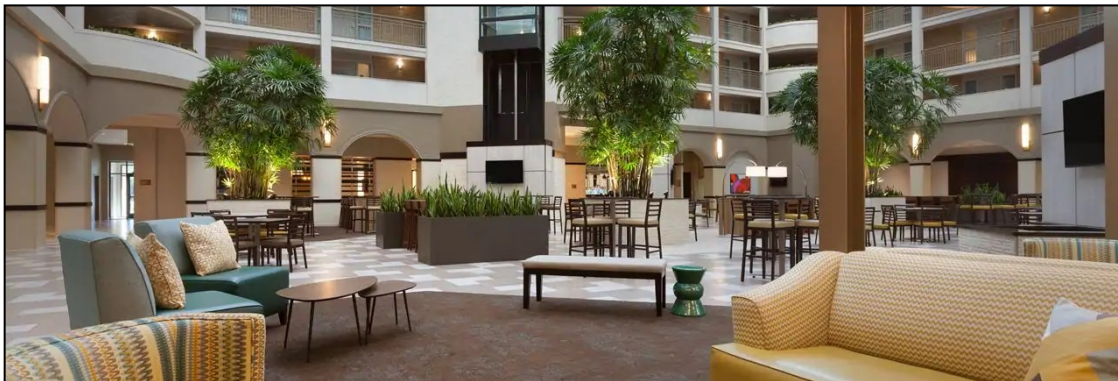
SPRING MEETING 2020

25-27 March 2020
Embassy Suites Jacksonville Baymeadows

Diversity! In Our Wildlife and Our Profession

Join us for the annual Spring Meeting of the Florida Chapter of The Wildlife Society. The Meeting will include a symposium, Chapter business meeting, networking socials, student bingo, keynote speakers, technical sessions, poster session, banquet dinner, awards ceremony, and several field trips.

The Meeting will be **25-27 March 2020** at the Embassy Suites, 9300 Baymeadows Road, Jacksonville, FL 32256. The special meeting room rate is \$94 per night (2-room suite). Please reference “The Wildlife Society Florida Chapter” or group code “WSF” when reserving by phone at 1-904-899-9517 or online at [ELTWS RoomReservation](#). Our room block will fill quickly and expire on **28 February 2020**; make your room reservations now. You may cancel up to 48 hours prior to March 25 and still receive a full refund, so book now to be safe.



The conference theme is *Diversity: in Our Wildlife and Our Profession*. Papers and posters dealing with any wildlife-related topic are encouraged, including ecology, economics, management, restoration, risk assessment, policy and regulation, evolutionary biology, new ideas, and inter-disciplinary projects. Continuing education credits will be available. The deadline for submitting presentation and poster abstracts is **17 February 2020**. Abstracts will be included in a meeting program booklet; proceedings will not be published. For more information, including submission details and guidelines, please visit [Call for Papers](#).

STUDENTS - Papers and posters from students are greatly encouraged, with **cash prizes** for the best student paper (\$150) and best student poster (\$75). Additional incentives include a **prize** for the student interaction activity, **reduced registration fee**, and **FREE double occupancy room stay** (volunteer time required). Contact Monica Folk at monica.folk@fltws.org for more information on options and to sign up for free lodging.

PROFESSIONALS - Non-student travel grants are available. [See Travel Grant](#) for application and submission instructions, due by **21 February 2020**.

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SPRING 2020 MEETING

REGISTRATION – Register [online here](#). (Prices include conference program, evening socials, morning coffee, meeting breaks/ snacks, and Thursday banquet. Three Friday morning field trips are available (limited to 25 each) with registration.

Students - \$65 prior to February 29; \$85 after February 29

Members - \$100 prior to February 29; \$120 after February 29

Nonmembers - \$130 prior to February 29; \$150 after February 29

-Onsite registration is \$150. Banquet dinners for additional guests can be purchased for \$30.

-A \$25 cancellation fee will apply to registrations cancelled after March 15.

*****EARLY REGISTRATION ENDS 28 February 2020*****

Sponsors - The FLTWS Meeting is a great opportunity to build relationships and support wildlife research and management by registering as an exhibitor and/or sponsor. Sponsor opportunities include door prizes, silent auction items, refreshment breaks, education/research grants, and field trip coordination, just to name a few. If you have additional questions, please contact Mark Ausley, Fundraising Co-Chair at mark.ausley@fltws.org.

DRAFT AGENDA (times and content subject to change)

Wednesday, March 25

11:00am Registration (Atrium), Poster setup (Jacksonville)
Lunch on your own
1:00pm Symposium: *Diversity in the Wildlife Profession* (Nassau)
3:30pm Break
4:00pm Business Meeting: **all encouraged to attend-Prizes!!** (Nassau)
5:30pm Networking Social (Atrium) / Raffle (Flagler)
Dinner on your own

Thursday, March 26

Breakfast on your own (hotel provided)
8:30am Plenary Session I: *Maintaining Wildlife Diversity through Policy* (Nassau)
10:00am Break
10:30am Plenary Session II: *Maintaining Diversity through Corridor Conservation* (Nassau)
11:30am Lunch on your own (hotel provided buffet for small additional cost)
1:00pm Concurrent Technical Sessions (St. Johns/Nassau)
2:40pm Break
3:00pm Concurrent Technical Sessions (St. Johns/Nassau)
5:30pm Poster Session Social (Atrium/Jacksonville) / Silent Auction (Flagler)
7:00pm Banquet and Awards Ceremony

Friday, March 27

Breakfast on your own (hotel provided)
8:00am Field trip to Guana Tolomato Matanzas NERR – shorebird identification
8:15am Field trip to Pumpkin Hill – habitat management and restoration
8:30am Field trip to Jacksonville Zoo – behind the scenes
Noon Adjourn

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CALL FOR PAPERS

Instructions for submitting abstracts (Papers and Posters)

The deadline for submitting abstracts is **17 February 2020**. Abstracts should be a single paragraph with 350 words or less, with no embedded citations. It should conform to the general style of Journal of Wildlife Management abstracts (keywords not necessary; see sample abstract below). The full name, affiliation, and email of all authors should be provided with the abstract. The name of the author presenting at the conference should be underlined. Student abstracts should be clearly identified as such, as well as type of presentation (paper or poster). An abbreviated heading including the title and author name(s) should also appear before the abstract body (see example below). Use standard abbreviations for units of measure. Other abbreviations and acronyms should be spelled out in full at first mention, followed by the abbreviation/acronym in parentheses.

A notification of acceptance will be emailed to the corresponding author no later than **21 February 2020**. Abstracts should be submitted via email in MSWord format to Paul Moler at FLTWS.abstracts@fltws.org.

Guidelines for paper presentations

Presentations will be limited to 20 minutes, including 3-5 minutes for questions. A laptop and LCD projector will be provided. Please bring your presentation on a USB flash drive; name the presentation file with your last name and title of the talk. An AV assistant will be on hand in each meeting room for 15 minutes prior to the start of each technical session. Give your USB flash drive to the AV assistant before the start of your technical session. There will not be time to copy files once a session has begun. LCD presentations must be made using PowerPoint software. Macintosh users should ensure that their presentations will function properly in a Windows environment. DO NOT bring presentations on a CD or any other medium.

Guidelines for poster presentations

Posters should be no larger than 100 cm (40 in) tall by 150 cm (60 in) wide. Posters are welcome in both traditional format or in #betterposter format (see [YouTube BetterPoster](#) and links within). Poster stations will be provided and include a foam-core display board, easel, push pins, binder clips, and tape. If you require a table for pamphlets, brochures, or other display items, please indicate this on your abstract submission. We ask that posters be put in place the first day of the event and stay up for the duration of the conference. Poster authors are required to be present at their stations for one hour during the designated Poster Social to answer questions.

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Sample Abstract Submission

Corresponding Author

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Student or nonstudent (select one), paper or poster (select one)

The effects of fish size on net energy intake of snowy egrets. T. R. Estord and M. Ritters

THE EFFECTS OF FISH SIZE ON NET ENERGY INTAKE OF SNOWY EGRETS

TOOBEE R. ESTORD, South Florida Water Management District, testord@sfwmd.gov;

MORK RITTERS, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission,

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Draining wetlands reduces their hydroperiod and causes a shift in the size structure of the fish community toward smaller and younger fish. Reduced fish size could potentially impact snowy egrets (*Egretta thula*) if it reduced their net energy intake. We tested the hypothesis...

MAXIMUM 350 WORDS

SINGLE PARAGRAPH

NO CITATIONS

UNDERLINE THE NAME OF THE PRESENTING AUTHOR



CHAPTER NEWS

2020 Southeastern Section—The Wildlife Society Field Course

Wildlife & Forestry Field Techniques Southeastern TWS Field Course



Course Topics

- Wildlife surveys/capture and handling
- Habitat surveys
- Longleaf pine ecology and management
- Threatened and endangered species
- Prescribed fire
- Firearms safety
- Remote animal tracking
- Heavy equipment operation
- And many more!

College Credit

You will earn 3 credits through Castleton University in Vermont that can be transferred back to your home institution. In addition, there are unparalleled networking opportunities with your peers and practicing biologists!



May 26th – June 10th 2020

Total Cost: \$1,500

Includes Tuition (3 credits),
Room and Board



Who is Eligible?

This course is open to undergraduate and graduate students majoring in any natural resource program. Preference will be given to members of The Wildlife Society or a student chapter. This course will be filled on a first-come first-served basis up to a maximum of 24 students.

More Information?

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The Jones Center at Ichaaway is a 29,000 acre ecological center that includes a diverse range of ecological communities unique to the historic landscape of the southeastern Coastal Plain.

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CHAPTER NEWS

2020 Southeastern Section—The Wildlife Society Field Course

2020 Southeastern Section - The Wildlife Society Field Course Registration Form

May 26 – June 10, 2020

Course: *Wildlife & Forestry Field Techniques*

Fee: Total fee is \$1,500 and includes tuition for 3 credits at Castleton University, room and board, and all other expenses. Transportation to and from the Jones Center at Ichauway, Georgia, is **not** included. See bottom of this page for payment information.

For questions about the course, please contact Dr. Daniel Greene at dgreene907@gmail.com. Several TWS chapters offer full or partial scholarships to the course; please be sure the state where you attend school (or reside if out of school) is clearly indicated so we can direct you to those opportunities. Alternatively, contact your State Chapter representative to request support.

Name: _____ **D.O.B.** _____ **Gender:** _____

Mailing Address during school year: _____

City/Town: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Preferred Phone: _____ Is this a cell #? Yes No (circle one)

Preferred E-Mail: _____

Grade Level and Major and Minor (if applicable): _____

Current or Most Recent College/University: _____

Have you successfully completed at least 8 credit hours of college-level Biology classes? Yes No

Have you passed a state certified hunter education course? Yes No

Are you a member of The Wildlife Society (TWS) Yes No or a TWS student chapter? Yes No (please respond to both questions)

Comments:

Please share with us any special concerns you may have (dietary, physical, allergies, etc.) so that we can make your stay comfortable and enjoyable. The course requires you to be in relatively good physical condition, for example, able to hike for 2-3 miles per day with a group at a constant pace. It is not a boot camp, but we will be outside working long days (early mornings to late evenings) in hot and buggy conditions, rain or shine! You must be able to stay with the group. Check with Dr. Greene before applying if you have concerns or questions, especially if you have very specialized diet requirements.

Please mail this registration form with \$500 deposit (not refundable after March 1, 2020) to:

Dr. Daniel U. Greene
202 Saum Drive
Columbus, Mississippi, 39702

We are not able to accept credit card payments. Please make all checks or money orders payable to: **Southeastern Section TWS**. The balance of your payment (\$1,000) is due **no later than April 30, 2020** to the same address.



CHAPTER NEWS—T-SHIRT CONTEST

DESIGN THE NEXT FLTWS T-SHIRT!

The Florida Chapter of The Wildlife Society is looking for contest submissions for an ORIGINAL and UNIQUE DESIGN to be featured on a new FLTWS t-shirt!

Contest Rules:

- ◇ Design Guidelines:
 - * Your design should be inspired by and/or pertain to wildlife or its conservation and management.
 - * Your design must be within 11 x 11 inches and will be on the back of the shirt only. The FLTWS logo will be applied to the sleeve or the front breast pocket area of the t-shirt. A slogan may be submitted as incorporated into the t-shirt design. If this is the case, the slogan may be applied to the front breast pocket area of the t-shirt and the logo may be applied to the sleeve, at the discretion of FLTWS.
 - * Your design must be wholly original. By submitting a design you are guaranteeing that you hold rights to everything in it, and that it does not contain any copyrighted material, including images/copy found on the internet, unless clearly marked as published under a creative commons (cc) license.
 - * Digital entries only. Design submission should be saved to produce a quality output. Acceptable file formats are high resolution JPG, TIFF, GIF, PNG, Adobe Illustrator (AI), PDF, or Photoshop (PSD). Resolution should be at least 300 dpi.

- ◇ The contest is open to all FLTWS members, student chapter members, or their family members.
- ◇ All entrants must be 18 years or older to submit an entry. If you are under the age of 18 you may still create and submit a design, but it must be submitted on your behalf by a parent or guardian.
- ◇ You may submit up to two designs per person, but they must be submitted as separate entries.
- ◇ All entries should be submitted to mark.ausley@fltws.org with the following information/statements:
 - * Entrant name
 - * Affiliation with FLTWS (member, student chapter member, family member of an FLTWS member (including their name))
 - * Contact information, including:
 - ◆ Name
 - ◆ Address
 - ◆ Phone number
 - ◆ Email
 - * Optional: Describe your inspiration for the design.

- ◇ The submission information must be filled out completely and truthfully. If you fail to submit the requested information completely, give any false information or fail to reveal any pertinent information, you may be disqualified from the competition.
- ◇ You must submit your design digitally by midnight ET, **February 29, 2020**.

- ◇ Designs will be judged on the following criteria:
 - * Concept/originality - striking and/or memorable design
 - * Visibility (eye-catching and visible from a reasonable distance)
 - * Completeness of design – must be ready for print
 - * Feasibility - must be easy to reproduce

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- ◇ Entries will be judged by the FLTWS board members.
- ◇ The winner will be notified by email and/or phone at the close of the voting period, via the information provided on the entry form.
- ◇ At the sole discretion of FLTWS, disqualification, forfeiture and the selection of an alternate winner may result from any of the following:
 - * A winner's failure to respond to notification within seven (7) business days after its transmission; the return of an email notification as undeliverable after three (3) attempts; winner's failure to provide original design files; winner's failure to execute and return a release form.
 - * Upon contacting a winner and determining that they have met all eligibility requirements of the contest, such individual will be declared the "winner" of the contest via social post, FLTWS website, and the FLTWS e-newsletter.
- ◇ The Florida Chapter of The Wildlife Society will have first printing rights to the winning design. By submitting you agree that if your design wins, it can be used by The Florida Chapter of The Wildlife Society on a t-shirt and other promotional items, including the FLTWS website and marketing and public relations materials. In addition, FLTWS reserves the right to make adjustments to the design.
- ◇ The winner and image of the design will be recognized in our newsletter, on our website (www.fltws.org) and on social media.
- ◇ All contest decisions are made by FLTWS and are final.

**By submitting an entry, you are agreeing to all contest rules.
If you have any questions, please email mark.ausley@fltws.org .**



SPECIES SPOTLIGHT

Southern Hognose Snake (*Heterodon simus*)



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Identification: Have you ever had the opportunity to see this short but stout serpent basking in the sun while taking a stroll through the woods? If you have, consider yourself lucky! The Southern Hognose snake is an extremely shy and allusive non-venomous reptile (The Eastern Hognose does produce a mild venom). Though rarely seen, they can be identified by their distinct pointed, and upturned snouts. They average around 35.6 cm in length and have been recorded as long as 61cm. The females are generally larger than the males of this species. Both males and females are generally gray, with black blotches on their backs and sides, however they can have tan or auburn tints as well. The Southern Hognose is often misidentified as its cousin, the Eastern Hognose snake. When threatened, the Southern Hognose can spread their necks out, similar to a cobra, and hiss loudly. They rarely strike or bite in self-defense, but they have been documented rolling over onto their backs and “playing dead”. Their diet consists of lizards, rodents, and other small vertebrates, but they primarily feed on frogs and toads, using their posterior fangs to capture prey, and to deflate any toad or frog.

Distribution and Habitat: Historically found in coastal plains and upland forests of the eastern United States from North Carolina over to Mississippi, the Southern Hognose is now found only within scattered locations in the Southeast U.S. throughout the Carolinas, Georgia and Florida. They thrive in xeric upland sandhill habitats, including longleaf pine forests and other fire dependent ecosystems. Southern Hognoses are partially fossorial, digging burrows 0.2-0.5m underground and spending much of the time in these burrows. There is speculation that they may hibernate underground during the winter months. Females lay 6-14 eggs with a gestation period of approximately 65-70 days. The typical lifespan is 5 years for the Southern Hognose, with some snakes reaching up to 9 years of age.

Threats: As with many animal species, Southern Hognose snakes face many varying threats. Human encroachment, urban sprawl, habitat fragmentation and loss, and fire suppression efforts, are the major factors that threaten the Southern Hognose population. The introduction of Red imported fire ants, invasive frog/toad species that change the ecological processes of the habitat, and climate change have also become threats to both the Southern and Eastern Hognose snake populations. Predators of the Southern Hognose include Scarlet Kingsnakes, Eastern Indigo snakes, hawks and humans. Humans often mistake the Southern Hognose as dangerous pests and dispose of them. Many of these snakes are killed while crossing over roadways.

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SPECIES SPOTLIGHT

Population Status: Sadly, due to the secretive nature of this snake, very little ecological studies have been performed, hindering records regarding their population numbers and dynamics. The Southern Hognose snake has not been recorded or found in Alabama or Mississippi since the 1970's, they are a protected species in Georgia. The Southern Hognose is listed as "Vulnerable" and some consider them to be one of the rarest and most threatened snake species in North America. Restoration of longleaf pine ecosystems, prescribed/re-introduction of fire, and the maintenance of protected lands are key to the protection and health of this species.



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Links for more information:

<https://srelherpl.uga.edu/snakes/hetsim.htm>

https://animaldiversity.org/accounts/Heterodon_simus/

<https://www.fws.gov/southeast.pdf/fact-sheet/southern-hognose-snake.pdf>

MEETINGS AND EVENTS OF INTEREST

FLTWS SPRING MEETING 2020

March 25-27 in Jacksonville, Florida

www.fltws.org

PRESCRIBED FIRE FOR WILDLIFE

March 23-26 in West Palm Beach, Florida

FLEPPC 2020 Annual Conference

March 25-27 in Daytona Beach, Florida

More details at www.fleppc.org

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PHOTO CALL



A Florida black bear (*Ursus americanus floridanus*) inspects a camera at a private ranch in Highlands County. Florida black bears were designated as threatened by Florida and placed on the state's Endangered and Threatened list in 1974. Bears were removed from state listing in 2012 and current population estimates are approximately 4,000 individuals statewide. Florida still regulates their protection and management under the [Florida Black Bear Conservation Rule 68A-4.009](#), Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.) Read more about Florida's native black bear at <https://myfwc.com/wildlifehabitats/wildlife/bear/>

Photo credit: Dr. Jen Korn, Johnson Engineering, Inc.

Do you have a really awesome photo from the field or from a game camera? We want to see it! Each newsletter we will feature one of our member's photos here and on the FLTWS website. Please e-mail photos with a short description to the editor, Jen Korn, at jennifer.korn@fltws.org Please indicate your permission for usage in both the newsletter and the website or newsletter only. We can't wait to see everyone's adventures!

