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## 11<sup>th</sup> AMERICAN WOODCOCK SYMPOSIUM



October 24 - 28, 2017

### AGENDA

<b>Tuesday, October 24</b>	
2:00 - 5:00 pm	Arrival and Registration at Ralph A. MacMullan Conference (RAM) Center (travel day)
6:00 - 10:00 pm	Welcome Reception, Professional Networking and Evening Social
<b>Wednesday, October 25</b>	
7:15 am	Breakfast
7:30 am	Registration
<b>Conservation Stewardship</b>	
<b>Moderator: Tom Cooper</b>	
8:30 – 10:10 am	Welcome and Opening Comments (Al Stewart, Symposium Co-Chair, MI Dept Natural Resources)
	Woodcock Priority Information Needs—A Shared Vision (Dave Case, D.J. Case and Associates)
	Woodcock Initiative Work Update (Steve Weber, Wildlife Management Institute)
	Woodcock Populations—Do We Have A Problem? (Mark Seamans, USFWS - Division of Migratory Bird Management)
	Forest Products and Wildlife (Bill O’Neil, MI DNR Natural Resources Deputy, State Forester and Forest Product Industry person TBD)
10:10 – 10:30 am	The Future of Woodcock (Russ Mason, MI DNR Wildlife Division Chief/ John Eichinger, CEO, RGS/AWS)
10:30 – 10:50 am	Break
<b>Population Assessment</b>	
<b>Moderator: Allie Shoffner</b>	
10:50 – 11:10 am	Lincoln estimates of American woodcock abundance from harvest and banding data (Todd Arnold)
11:10 – 11:30 am	Evaluating indices of recruitment for American woodcock (Kyle Daly)
11:30 – 11:50 am	Breeding Season Survival of American Woodcock at a Habitat Demonstration Area in Minnesota (Kyle Daly)
12:00 pm	Lunch
<b>Communication Strategies</b>	
<b>Moderator: Mike Donovan</b>	
1:30 – 1:50 pm	Communicating effectively about American woodcock and other young forest species (Phil Seng)
1:50 – 2:10 pm	Developing a Landowner Citizen Science Program to Monitor American Woodcock on Private Lands (Anna Buckardt)
2:10 – 2:30 pm	Encouraging family forest owners to create American woodcock habitat in Rhode Island (Bill Buffum)
2:30 – 2:50 pm	Woodcock is NOT a dirty word! Using Interest in Wildlife to Engage Private Forest Landowners (Jeremy Holtz)
2:50 – 3:15 pm	Break
3:15 – 3:35 pm	Factors influencing American Woodcock hunter satisfaction in Canada (Christian Roy)

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3:35 – 3:55 pm	Promoting Wildlife Habitat and Conservation Partnerships through State-Funded Grant Programs (Clay Buchanan)
<b>Habitat Dynamics</b>	
<b>Moderator: Mike Donovan</b>	
3:55 – 4:15 pm	A spatially explicit method for estimating the effects of landscape composition and configuration on full-season productivity of American Woodcock in Minnesota (Gunnar Kramer)
5:30 pm	Dinner
7:00 – 10:00 pm	Evening Social

<b>Thursday, October 26</b>	
7:15 am	Breakfast
<b>Habitat Dynamics (cont'd)</b>	
<b>Moderator: Wayne Bringer</b>	
8:20 - 8:40 am	American woodcock migration ecology: Factors influencing departure rates and habitat selection at Cape May, New Jersey (Brian Allen)
8:40 - 9:00 am	Do woodcock select habitat based on the quality of the surrounding management landscape? (Stephen Brenner)
9:00 – 9:20 am	Diurnal habitat selection of wintering American Woodcock in Louisiana (Elisa Elizondo)
9:20 – 9:40 am	Creating Nocturnal Habitat for the American Woodcock on the Wintering Grounds in South-Central Louisiana (Jeff Haynes)
9:40 – 10:00 am	Migration strategy of the Eurasian woodcock and effects of weather during spring migration (Andrew Hoodless)
10:00 – 10:30 am	Break
10:30 – 10:50 am	Survival of American Woodcock using Cape May, New Jersey during fall migration (Dan McAuley)
10:50 – 11:10 am	Using Pointing Dogs and Hierarchical Models to Estimate American Woodcock Winter Habitat Availability (Dan Sullins)
11:10 – 11:30 am	American Woodcock habitat selection and benefits of habitat management where young forests are rare (Roger Masse)
12:00 pm	Lunch
<b>Singing-ground Survey Evaluation</b>	
<b>Moderator: Chris Dwyer</b>	
1:30 – 1:50 pm	Assessment of the American Woodcock Singing-ground Survey Zone Timing (David Krementz)
1:50 – 2:10 pm	Estimating Density and Effective Area Surveyed for American Woodcock (Stefanie Bergh)
2:10 – 2:30 pm	Occupancy and Detection Probability of American Woodcock during Singing-ground Surveys (Stefanie Bergh)
2:30 – 2:50 pm	Using GPS loggers to improve our understanding of the Eurasian woodcock's breeding display (Christopher Heward)
2:50 – 3:10 pm	Break
3:10 – 3:30 pm	American Woodcock Singing-ground Survey: The logistical challenges associated with route consistency through time (Rebecca Rau)
3:30 – 3:50 pm	Assessing Singing-ground Survey Habitat Bias Using a Novel Forest Age Data Set (Brian Tavernia)
3:50 – 4:10 pm	Retrospective analysis of American woodcock population and harvest trends in Canada (Christian Roy)
4:10 – 4:30 pm	TBD

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5:30 pm	Dinner
7:00 – 10:00 pm	Evening Social

<b>Friday, October 27</b>	
7:15 am	Breakfast
<b>Management Techniques</b>	
<b>Moderator: David Williams</b>	
8:20 - 8:40 am	Survey of Wintering Eurasian Woodcock ( <i>Scolopax rusticola</i> ) in Western Europe (David Goncalves)
8:40 - 9:00 am	Assessment of the American Woodcock Wing-collection Survey (Tom Cooper)
9:00 – 9:20 am	Using Infrared Technology to Locate and Monitor American Woodcock Nests (Thomas Keller)
9:20 – 9:40 am	Detecting Passage of Migrating Woodcock Using Nano Tag Technology (Dan McAuley)
9:40 – 10:00 am	Can Woodcock Gender be Identified in Flight? (Frank Bowers)
10:00 – 10:30 am	Break
10:30 – 11:30 am	Where Do We Go From Here? Panel Discussion and Questions
12:00 pm	Lunch

<b>Friday, October 27 (Special Session for Hunters and Woodcock Enthusiasts)</b>	
<b>Moderator: Bruce Barlow</b>	
1:00 pm	Registration for Public Attendees
1:20 - 1:30 pm	Welcome and Symposium Summary (Al Stewart, MI DNR)
1:30 - 1:50 pm	National Woodcock Management (Tom Cooper, USFWS and Steve Weber, WMI)
1:50 - 2:05 pm	Management of Eurasian Woodcock (David Goncalves, Portugal and Andrew Hoodless, UK)
2:05 - 3:00 pm	Woodcock Migration Studies (David Kremetz, AR Coop. Fish & Wildlife Research Unit and Erik Blomberg, Univ. ME)
3:00 – 3:20 pm	Break
3:20 – 4:45 pm	Habitat Management - What can be done for woodcock? * Wintering Range (Mike Olinde, LA) * Breeding Range (David Andersen, MN Coop. Fish & Wildlife Research Unit) * Michigan Examples of Habitat Management (Clay Buchanan, MI DNR) * Private Lands Habitat Management (Gib King, USFWS) * Public Lands Habitat Management: How to Get Involved (Heather Shaw/Scott Walter/Meadow Kouffeld/Ted Dick/Andy Weik/Linda Ordiway, RGS/AWS)
4:45 – 5:00 pm	Panel Discussion and Questions
5:30 – 6:30 pm	Reception and Social Networking
6:30 – 10:00 pm	Banquet Dinner (Noted fly-fishing and woodcock literature expert Glenn Blackwood will speak about woodcock books) and Evening Social hosted by American Woodcock Society
10:00 pm	Return to Lodging or Return to Home Destination
<b>Saturday, October 28</b>	
<b>Coordination by American Woodcock Society</b>	
7:15 am	Breakfast
8:00 am	Woodcock Celebration Activities, Inspect Michigan's Forests for Wildlife or Return to Home Destination