



## Call for 2025 Abstracts, Posters and Presentations

*2025 Joint Meeting - Thriving together: Fostering Resilient Forests and Flourishing Wildlife*

Oregon Chapter of The Wildlife Society and Oregon Society of American Foresters

February 5-7 || Salem, Oregon

The Grand Hotel in Salem - <https://ortws.org/events/annual-conference/>

We invite abstracts for oral presentations and posters, special session proposals, and ideas for other facets of the program. All topics in wildlife, vertebrate biology, forestry or habitat management, conservation, and application of research findings to conservation and management practices are welcome.

Additional topics that are especially applicable to this year's theme include:

- Forested habitats and related species
- Beaver and associated habitats
- Pollinators
- Wildlife management policy at the state and federal level

**\*\*\*Abstract Deadline: Close of business November 30, 2024 \*\*\***

### TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

*Wednesday 5 February* – Registration Opens, Plenary and Invited Speakers, Contributed Sessions, Poster Session, Student/Professional Mixer, and more!

*Thursday 6 February* –Contributed Sessions, Banquet, Awards, Raffle, and Silent Auction.

*Friday 7 February* - Field Trips (tentatively)\*, Workshops\*, Special Events, and Adjourn

*\*Separate registration is required*

## ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

Abstracts for oral presentations and posters must be submitted electronically **by close of business November 30, 2024** at the following link <https://ortws.org/events/annual-conference/>

Please limit abstracts to 250 words.

*We strongly encourage all students to be present! Feedback on your abstracts will occur by January 5, 2025.*

Note for software associated with oral presentations:

Visual support for oral presentations will only be allowed in PowerPoint format for PCs (Apple-based format will not be acceptable). PowerPoint presentations should be MS-Office 2013 or later version to ensure greatest compatibility with anticipated projection equipment and computer support. As always, give credit where credit is due by naming the image owner. If an image is copyrighted, then get permission from the image owner before using it.

## RESEARCH AND MANAGEMENT UPDATES (BRIEF PRESENTATIONS)

Want to present at the joint meeting but you don't yet have all your results, or you have a new management consideration or project for your peers? Consider a shortened, eight-minute update that provides brief background, brief methods, and preliminary results. The goal for these talks is to allow your peers to know what you've been working on and allow for discussion. Make sure the presentation type is "IGNITE."

## POSTER PRESENTATION GUIDELINES:

Each poster should be contained within a 3-foot-high x 4-foot-wide area. Please contact poster session lead Betsy Glenn at [betsyglenn@ortws.org](mailto:betsyglenn@ortws.org) if you have additional questions about display boards and/or the size of your poster.

Be sure to submit an abstract for your poster by **close of business November 30, 2024** at the following link - <https://ortws.org/events/annual-conference/>

## BEST STUDENT PRESENTATION AWARDS

The Les Eberhardt award is granted to a student who is judged to have presented the 'best student presentation' at the ORTWS/OSAF joint meeting.

To be considered, the presenter must submit an extended abstract for a full-length oral presentation at the ORTWS/OSAF joint meeting. The content presented must have been developed while the presenter was a student. ORTWS will pay for the winner to attend the next National TWS meeting and present their research (pending abstract acceptance by National TWS). The recipient's name will also be added to the ORTWS Les Eberhardt Award Plaque (kept in Nash Hall, Oregon State University). Applicants must either be:

- Actively pursuing a degree in wildlife biology or related fields (e.g., wildlife management, ecology, natural resources, fisheries biology, entomology, forestry, soil science, etc.) *OR*

- Have recently (within one year) received a degree in wildlife biology or a related field, and are presenting results of information obtained as a student

To be considered for the 2025 Les Eberhardt award, please indicate your interest when submitting your abstract. Students wishing to be considered will be asked to submit an extended abstract (500-word limit). Only students with completed research will be considered (please no proposed research talks).

Note: all students presenting posters will be considered for the Best Student Poster award, but a smaller pool of students giving oral presentations will be considered for the Les Eberhardt award.

## **SPECIAL SESSIONS**

We encourage submission of full special sessions devoted to a single topic or theme. Special sessions at the 2025 Joint Meeting should encompass a 2-hour time slot, which can be formatted in a variety of different presentation styles; ORTWS encourages unique and different presentation styles, including, but not limited to:

**Moderated Panel Discussion** - Six or more individual speaker presentations around a similar topic, developed with a moderator introducing and concluding the various speakers. Question and answer at the conclusion are encouraged to be built into the session time.

**Collaborative Discussion** - Attendees are encouraged to participate in the discussion, led by a moderator and possible speakers, and may be in the form of roundtable topics.

**Point-Counterpoint Panel** - Moderated discussion focused on various sides of a topic, which may or may not include presentations.

**Conversation Starter** - Moderator is prepared to facilitate an open discussion along a particular topic. They begin with a five- minute intro of the topic or sides of the topic, then open to the audience for interactive discussion.

If you have questions about whether your topic is a good fit for the joint meeting or a proposed session style, please contact abstract committee chair Jeremy Thompson at [jeremy@ortws.org](mailto:jeremy@ortws.org)

For additional questions on the joint meeting, or if you are interested in volunteering contact Vice President & Joint Meeting Chair Jennifer Bakke at [jbakke@ortws.org](mailto:jbakke@ortws.org)