



10th AMERICAN WOODCOCK SYMPOSIUM

October 3 - 6, 2006

AGENDA

Tuesday, October 3	
2:00 - 5:00 pm	Arrival and Registration at Ralph A. MacMullan Conference (RAM) Center (travel day)
5:30 pm	Dinner
7:00 - 10:00 pm	Professional Networking and Evening Social
Wednesday, October 4	
7:15 am	Breakfast
7:30 am	Registration
Conservation Strategies	
Moderator: Mike Olinde	
8:30 – 10:00 am	Welcome and Opening Comments (Al Stewart and Keith Charters, Natural Resources Commission Chair)
	Research and Management on the American Woodcock at the Moosehorn National Wildlife Refuge - Past, Present, and Future (Andrew Weik)
	Improving Woodcock Management by Implementing Lessons from Other Migratory Game Birds (John Schulz)
	Implementation of the American Woodcock Conservation Plan (James Kelley, Jr.)
10:00 am	Michigan DNR Director's Welcome (Director Rebecca Humphries)
10:30 – 10:50 am	Break
10:50 – 11:10 am	The Northern Forest Woodcock Habitat Initiative (Scot Williamson)
11:10 – 11:30 am	Estimating Woodcock Hunter Activity and Harvest in the United States (Paul Padding)
11:30 – 11:50 am	Monitoring of the European Woodcock Populations, with Special Reference to France (Yves Ferrand)
12:00 pm	Lunch
Habitat Ecology	
Moderator: Adam Bump	
1:30 – 1:50 pm	Fall Migration Rates, Routes, and Habitat Use of American Woodcock in the Central Region (David Kremetz)
1:50 – 2:10 pm	Detecting Passage of Migrant Radio-Tagged Woodcock Using Semi-Automated Receiver Recording Equipment from Fire Towers (Dan McAuley)
2:10 – 2:30 pm	GIS-Based Assessment of American Woodcock Habitat at Two Spatial Scales in New Brunswick (James Kelley, Jr.)
2:30 – 2:50 pm	Diurnal Microhabitat Use by American Woodcock in East Texas (Cody Berry)
2:50 – 3:10 pm	Break
3:10 – 3:30 pm	American Woodcock Populations Associated with an Electric Transmission Right-of-Way (Richard Yahner)
3:30 – 3:50 pm	Fall Diurnal Habitat Use of Adult Female American Woodcock in the Western Great Lakes Region (R. Scott Lutz)
3:50 – 4:10 pm	Fall Survival of American Woodcock in the Western Great Lakes Region (John Bruggink)
4:10 – 4:30 pm	Challenges to Woodcock Conservation in the Great Lakes Region (Gary Zimmer)
5:30 pm	Dinner
7:00 – 10:00 pm	Evening Social

Thursday, October 5	
7:15 am	Breakfast
Population Dynamics	
Moderator: David Luukkonen	
8:20 - 8:40 am	An Examination of American Woodcock Population Units (James Kelley, Jr.)
8:40 - 9:00 am	Population Dynamics of American Woodcock in the Central Region (David Kremetz)
9:00 – 9:20 am	Inferences About the Mating System of American Woodcock (<i>Scolopax minor</i>) Based on Paternity Analysis (Dan McAuley)
9:20 – 9:40 am	Incubation Behavior of the American Woodcock (<i>Scolopax minor</i>) in Maine (Dan McAuley)
9:40 – 10:00 am	Genetic Sex Determination in Woodcock Chicks (Kristine Brown)
10:00 – 10:30 am	Break
10:30 – 10:50 am	Genetic Variation Among Gravid Female American Woodcock in Eastern Texas During Winter (Christopher Comer)
10:50 – 11:10 am	The Current Status of Woodcock and Woodcock Surveys in North America (James Kelley, Jr.)
11:10 – 11:30 am	Breeding Eurasian Woodcock Survey in Belarus (Edward Mongin)
11:30 – 11:50 am	American Woodcock Singing-Ground Surveys: Do They Reflect Population Trends? (Montague Whiting)
12:00 pm	Lunch
Population Dynamics (cont'd)	
Moderator: Andrew Weik	
1:30 – 1:50 pm	Michigan Woodcock Banding Program: A Case Study (Alan Stewart)
1:50 – 2:10 pm	Survival and Recovery of Woodcock Banded in Michigan, 1981-2004 (David Luukkonen)
2:10 – 2:30 pm	Survival of American Woodcock Broods and Chicks in Maine (Dan McAuley)
2:30 – 2:50 pm	Michigan Woodcock Hunter and Harvest Dynamics in Relation to Hunting Season Frameworks, 1954-2004 (David Luukkonen)
2:50 – 3:10 pm	Break
3:10 – 3:30 pm	American Woodcock Fall Migration Using Central Region Band Recovery and Wing-Collection Survey Data (David Kremetz)
3:30 – 3:50 pm	American Woodcock Wingbee Reliability (David Kremetz)
3:50 – 4:10 pm	An Evaluation of Woodcock Harvest Regulations (James Kelley, Jr.)
4:10 – 4:30 pm	Magnitude and Spatial Distribution of American Woodcock Hunting Pressure in a Central Minnesota Wildlife Management Area (David Andersen)
5:30 pm	Dinner
7:00 – 10:00 pm	Evening Social

Friday, October 6 (Public Invited to Attend)	
Moderator: Terry Minzey	
7:15 am	Breakfast
8:00 am	Registration for Public Attendees
8:20 - 8:30 am	Welcome and Symposium Summary (Al Stewart)
8:30 - 8:50 am	National Woodcock Conservation Plan (James Kelley, Jr.)
8:50 - 9:05 am	Management of European Woodcock (Yves Ferrand)
9:05 - 10:05 am	National Woodcock Mortality Studies (Dan McAuley, John Bruggink, David Andersen, David Krementz)
10:05 – 10:20 am	Break
10:20 – 11:45 am	Habitat Management - What can be done for woodcock?
	* Wintering Range and Migrational Corridor (Mike Olinde)
	* Breeding Range (Dan McAuley and Andrew Weik)
	* Michigan Example of Habitat Management on Private Lands (Conservation Resource Alliance)
	* Private Lands Habitat Management (Gary Zimmer)
	* Public Lands Habitat Management: How to Get Involved (Adam Bump)
11:45 – 12:00 pm	Panel Discussion and Questions
12:00 pm	Lunch (provided with registration)
1:00 pm	Return to home destination <i>or</i> inspect Michigan's forests for wildlife