

13th Midwest Bat Working Group Annual Meeting April 8th, 2021



Meeting Announcement

We invite you to join us for the 13th Midwest Bat Working Group Annual Meeting on April 8, 2021. This **virtual** meeting will bring together biologists, private and public land managers, private consultation organizations, educational institutions, and citizen scientists from across the Midwest.

Time and Location

We will be hosting our first **virtual** meeting using Gather.town and Zoom (virtual links to come). The meeting will be held on **April 8, 2021 from 1pm – 4:30pm EST (12pm – 3:30pm CST)**.

Registration and Membership

This year, you can get free meeting registration with your membership! Registration for the virtual meeting will be open until April 7, 2021, but we encourage registering sooner.

Membership Options

- Professional Membership (new/renewal) = \$25
- Student Membership (new/renewal) = \$15

Meeting Registration Options

- FREE Professional Meeting Registration for Current 2021 MWBWG Members (a registration code will be provided to members with paid 2021 membership dues)
- Professional Meeting Registration Only = \$25
- FREE Student Meeting Registration for Current 2021 MWBWG Members (a registration code will be provided to members with paid 2021 membership dues)
- Student Meeting Registration Only = \$15

Program Overview

This **virtual** meeting will consist of live, virtual poster sessions, virtual networking and social spaces, and the MWBWG business meeting.

1:00 - 1:15pm EST (12:00 - 12:15pm CST)	Welcome
1:15 - 2:30pm EST (12:15 - 1:30pm CST)	Poster Session 1
2:30 - 3:45pm EST (1:30 - 2:45pm CST)	Poster Session 2
3:45 - 4:30pm EST (2:45 - 3:30pm CST)	Business meeting, Awards and Closer

Call for Abstracts

ALL ABSTRACTS WILL BE FOR POSTER PRESENTATIONS LIVE AT THE VIRTUAL MEETING. Your poster session presentation time will be specified in the meeting agenda that will be sent to registrants prior to the meeting. We highly encourage professionals, students and researchers to submit abstracts for live, virtual poster presentations and be available at their assigned presentation times. **The deadline for abstract submission is Monday, March 1, 2021 at 5pm EST (4pm CST).** All presenters must register for the meeting. Abstracts should include name, organization, address of authors, and title. Underline the name of the author who will be presenting the paper. The Abstract should (1) state the principal objectives and scope of the investigation, (2) describe the methods employed (briefly), (3) summarize the results, and (4) state the principle conclusions. The abstract should be < 300 words.

Follow the format guidelines below when preparing your abstract (see example below):

- Title should be in all capital letters, bold, and centered at the top of the page.
- Include names and current addresses of authors after the title (and underline presenter's name).
- Italicize addresses of authors.
- Use 12-point Times New Roman font.
- Use 1-inch margins on all sides.
- Left justify authors and text only.

Email abstract submissions with subject line labeled “2021 MWBWG abstract” with attachment of abstract in Microsoft Word format to **BOTH: Dr. Allen Kurta (akurta@emich.edu) & Dr. Joe Johnson (jjohnson@ohio.edu)**.

EXAMPLE:

**ALLEGHENY WOODRAT (*NEOTOMA MAGISTER*) HABITAT
CHARACTERISTICS IN VIRGINIA**

Michael T. Mengak, Steven B. Castleberry, and W. Mark Ford. *D. B. Warnell School of Forest Resources, University of Georgia, Athens, GA 30602 (MTM, SBC); USDA Forest Service, Northern Research Station, Newtown Square, PA (WMF)*

Awards for Students

To be eligible for a cash award, please indicate if you are a graduate student or undergraduate student when you submit an abstract. We will give an award to

- Best Graduate Student Poster
- Best Undergraduate Student Poster

Poster Guidelines

- Overall size should be 12x9 inches
- Title should be capitalized with lettering around 32-point font
- Authors and affiliations should be in upper- and lower-case around 20-point font
- Text lettering should be at least 14-point font
- Most posters should include the following sections: Abstract, Introduction, Materials and Methods, Results and Discussion, Conclusions, Literature Cited
- Keep written text to a minimum. “Bullets” and short phrases are most effective
- Gather.town (virtual link to come) will be open 24 hours prior to the meeting for familiarization of the virtual space and for you to practice with a friend.
- **Posters will be due March 26, 2021** (submission instructions to follow upon abstract acceptance)