



2024 WILDLIFE COMMITTEE SEMINAR MEETING AGENDA

FEBRUARY 27, 2024

Brookfield Zoo
3300 Golf Rd., Brookfield, IL 60513
FEBRUARY 27, 2024; 9:00 -3:20 PM

Agenda

1. Load presentations, networking and coffee 9:00 AM
2. Welcome and introductions (Gary Glowacki, WC Co-Chairs) 9:30 AM
3. **Wildlife Veterinary Residency Program** 9:40 AM
Dr. Matt Allender, University of Illinois Wildlife Epidemiology Lab
4. **Understanding Disease in Chicagoland Freshwater Turtles** 10:00 AM
Dr. Laura Adamovicz, University of Illinois Wildlife Epidemiology Lab
5. **Applying Health Assessments to Conservation Efforts of Blanding's Turtles in Illinois** 10:20 AM
Kaitlin Moorhead, University of Illinois Wildlife Epidemiology Lab
6. **Physiological effects of heavy metal burdens in spotted turtles (*Clemmys guttata*) of Northwest Indiana.** 10:40 AM
Jessica Lindberg, Loyola University
7. **Effects of Prescribed Fire and Mowing on Grassland Snake Abundance and Smooth Greensnake Nesting Activity** 11:00 AM
Dr. Allison Sacerdote-Velat, Chicago Academy of Science
8. **Optimizing community science contributions in ecology: A case study on Zooniverse's 'Chicago Wildlife Watch'** 11:20 AM
Kim Rivera, Lincoln Park Zoo
9. **NETWORKING LUNCH (Brown Bag / On your own)** 11:40 AM
Café with food for purchase also available at Brookfield Zoo
10. **The Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program in Illinois** 1:00 PM
Mike Redmer, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

11. Spatial Variation in Exploratory and Vigilant Behavior of Raccoons (<i>Procyon lotor</i>) Across an Urban Gradient Andrea Flores, Lincoln Park Zoo	1:20 PM
12. CW Breeding Bird Population Trends Database <i>Improving Data Quality, Quantity and Analytical Tools</i> Bob Fisher, Bird Conservation Network	1:40 PM
13. Great Lakes Restoration Initiative: Gull and Goose Management within Illinois Eric Ness, USDA Wildlife Services	2:00 PM
14. Movement and Health of Black-crowned Night-herons in Chicago's Lincoln Park Henry Adams, Lincoln Park Zoo	2:20 PM
15. Incorporating health assessments into wood duck (<i>Aix sponsa</i>) banding efforts John Winter, University of Illinois Wildlife Epidemiology Lab	2:40 AM
16. Striped skunk occupancy and colonization in Chicago, IL Anna Kase, Lincoln Park Zoo	3:00 PM
17. Closing Remarks / Adjourn	3:20 PM