



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:** **11:20 AM**
A case study on Zooniverse's 'Chicago Wildlife Watch'
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

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| 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 |