

Welcome to Michigan and the 11th American Woodcock Symposium

The scientific woodcock community has hosted American woodcock symposia and workshops periodically since 1966. These symposia have provided the opportunity for researchers, land managers, biologists, law makers, hunters, and woodcock enthusiasts to discuss and report current information on woodcock ecology and management. Attendees have shared ideas on the future needs of woodcock research and management efforts, and addressed “hot topics” in the woodcock world. The 11th American Woodcock Symposium focuses on accomplishments during the last decade. Woodcock research over the past 10 years has been concentrated on the “Priority Needs for American Woodcock: A Funding Strategy” that was developed by woodcock authorities. This symposium highlights these priority needs related to conservation stewardship, population assessment, communication strategies, habitat dynamics, singing-ground survey evaluation, and management techniques.

Previous woodcock symposia have effectively fostered communication on woodcock research and have been the basis for successful woodcock management internationally. With each symposium, the quality of data, sophistication of statistical analysis, and originality of methods have advanced our understanding about this bird. Symposia have been held across the range of the species. This meeting is designed to stimulate thought, expand ideas, and increase our knowledge about woodcock management and ecology. This binder contains the meeting abstracts. Hard-bound symposium proceedings and e-documents will be available in the future. I hope this meeting serves as a catalyst to highlight the necessity for expanded work on woodcock population and habitat monitoring, broadened educational efforts to encourage the public to give “social value” to young forest habitats needed for woodcock survival, and increased funding for further study.

Many people have helped in the planning stages for the 11th American Woodcock Symposium. It is through their dedication and attention to detail that this meeting has come to fruition.

Enjoy your visit to Michigan and take time to deliberate with your peers.



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