

## News Release

# Loeering receives Chapter Service Award from Minnesota Chapter of The Wildlife Society.

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University of Minnesota wildlife professor, Dr. John Loeering, recently received the Chapter Service Award from the Minnesota Chapter of The Wildlife Society annual meeting in Fergus Falls. In presenting the award, Chapter President, Mark Hanson noted, "John works hard to promote wildlife sciences in Minnesota, encourages involvement outside the classroom to facilitate personal and professional development in his students, and helps foster an environment where students have fun as they begin to integrate with professionals. In a nutshell, John is doing things that are beneficial for wildlife, wildlife science, and the Minnesota Chapter of TWS. We are grateful for John's hard work in Minnesota."

Dr. Loeering has a joint appointment in the Natural Resources Department at the University of Minnesota Crookston and the Department of Fisheries, Wildlife, and Conservation Biology at the U of MN campus in St. Paul.

Loeering has been very active in Chapter activities and has served as the Webmaster for both the Chapter and the North Central Section of The Wildlife Society. In addition, he serves as the Advisor to the Student Chapter of the Wildlife Society at the University of Minnesota Crookston and last fall received the national award as Student Chapter Advisor of the Year, of 82 wildlife programs across the country. "We are so proud of John's many service, teaching, and professional contributions," according to Dr. Dan Svedarsky, Head of the Natural Resources Department at the Crookston campus. "He's one of our premier teachers and achievers on campus and it's gratifying to see his 'above and beyond the call of duty' efforts get recognized."

Two UMC wildlife students were also recognized at the annual meeting. Russell Kleinschmidt, received the prestigious Student Conservationist Award. This is the top award for a wildlife student in the state and marks the 5th time in the last 8 years that a UMC wildlife student has received that honor. Nate Emery received the Fedeler Award, which pays for a full year of dues to The Wildlife Society, the national professional organization for wildlife managers, biologists, and professors. These student awards are also a reflection of Loeering's influence.

During the past year, Dr. Loeering and his students worked with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to improve the environment and the TWS members' career potential. Students networked and enhanced their technical skills while constructing wood duck boxes, banding waterfowl, designing and establishing photo points for habitat monitoring, collecting deer lymph nodes for CWD surveillance, practicing radio-telemetry, and monitoring a bear den.

Dr. Loeering's dedication to wildlife professionalism, ethics, and service provide an excellent model for his students and those around him. He actively promotes TWS certification, distributes information via the TWS State and Section Web pages, gets grubby cutting buckthorn, and reaches more than 400 citizens through his Master Woodland Manager and Master Gardener programs. His students benefit from being invited along to help.

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