



NORTH CAROLINA CHAPTER

The winner of the 2010 Chapter Award is well known to most everyone here. He is the perfect example of dedication and service in his field. For the past 20 years, he has made important contributions to the cause of wildlife conservation in North Carolina, to the education of wildlife professionals and the public, and to the North Carolina Chapter of the Wildlife Society.

He received his Masters degree from NC State. He has been an integral part of the staff of NCSU's Hill Forest Summer Wildlife Camp, and he has been an adjunct faculty member of the NC State Department of Forestry providing hands-on natural history classes for students to expand their wildlife and forestry skills. He has worked as a naturalist at Hemlock Bluffs Nature Preserve, and, for 12 years, he served as Partners in Flight Biologist with the NC Wildlife Resources Commission, having a major impact on bird conservation activities in NC, coordinating activities, conducting inventories and surveys, and running workshops. He is particularly well known and respected for the hundreds of training workshops he has conducted across the state for thousands of participants, including countless wildlife professionals. His interests range widely, from songbird and tree identification to Southern Appalachian ecology. He has conducted workshops at the National Wildlife Federation's Blue Ridge Conservation Summits, and he voluntarily provides training workshops at the annual meeting of the membership of the NC Association of Environmental Education Centers. He has led workshops for NCSU's Forestry and Environmental Outreach Program. He served for over a decade on the NC Natural Heritage Program's Scientific Council on birds. He is a Certified Wildlife Biologist and Certified Environmental Educator. He has written or contributed to a variety of publications, in addition to being an avid reader of the current literature. Many of us are the recipients of his emails keeping us informed about research publications.

The NC Chapter of the Wildlife Society has benefited greatly from the work of this year's award winner. For over 20 years, he has been active in a variety of committee and Executive Board positions. He served as Chapter Secretary and on the Education Committee for many years. During this time, he distinguished himself through exceptional service to the Chapter. Most recently, he served with distinction as the Chapter's 25th President. His leadership resulted in an all time high budget balance, the best-attended meeting ever, and the most funds ever raised for scholarships.

Our Chapter Award winner currently serves as the Nature Program Specialist at the Stevens Nature Center for the Town of Cary. He is the recipient of several awards for wildlife stewardship and for leadership in wildlife conservation, including our Wildlife Conservation Award in 2001. This year, we are pleased to present our Chapter Award to Mark Johns, in recognition of his enduring contributions to conservation in North Carolina and to the NC Chapter, for bringing extensive natural history training to environmental educators and resource professionals, and for promoting interest in all wildlife in North Carolina. He truly sets a high standard for wildlife professionals in the state.

Presented to

Mark Johns



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ON BEHALF OF THE NC CHAPTER AND
WILDLIFE IN NORTH CAROLINA

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