

Wildlife Ecology and Conservation: Extension Programs and Faculty¹

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Programs

"To serve, advise, and develop educational programs for Florida citizens in conjunction with county extension agents and other state, county, and local organizations interested in wildlife issues."

Extension programs in Wildlife Ecology and Conservation are oriented toward the use, conservation, management, and appreciation of wildlife resources. Requests for such programs can be made through county extension offices or directly with faculty. Extension specialists, county agents, trained volunteers, and professional wildlife biologists from various organizations conduct wildlife extension programs on site, through distance education technologies, publications, and other media outlets. Detailed program information can be found at <http://www.wec.ufl.edu/extension.php>.

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Bill has a PhD in Wildlife Science from Texas Tech University. His extension program is centered on providing information and outreach to improve understanding of wildlife ecology and conservation, and integrating wildlife management and other land-uses, particularly agriculture. Some of Bill's current programs focus on the management of game species on private lands, the importance of hunting to wildlife conservation, and developing better communication channels between natural resource professionals and private landowners. For additional information, see <http://www.wec.ufl.edu/faculty/giulianob/>.

Mark has a PhD in Zoology from the University of Florida. His extension programs are designed to address urban biodiversity and conservation issues and focus on designing urban landscapes for wildlife and natural resources conservation, promoting sustainable development policy and conservation of urban space, and encouraging citizen participation in management of green design. Mark works closely with the University of Florida's Program for Resource Efficient Communities and is conducting workshops and planning sessions with developers and municipalities interested in Low Impact Development. He has also developed an onsite education program for homeowners to help them manage their homes, yards, and neighborhoods for natural resource conservation. For additional information, see <http://www.wec.ufl.edu/faculty/hostetlerm/>.

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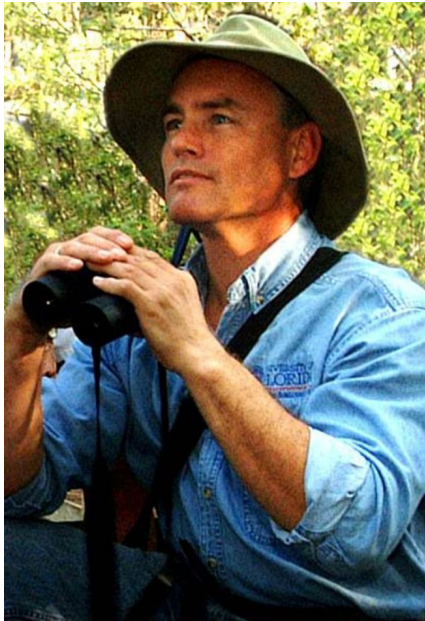


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Steve has a PhD in Wildlife Ecology and Conservation from the University of Florida. His current extension programs emphasize resolving human-wildlife conflicts, particularly those related to venomous snakes and invasive species. Steve is currently working with colleagues from the National

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Marty has a PhD in Wildlife Science from Oregon State University. His current programs provide the public with information on wildlife ecology and habitat management. Marty's major current programmatic effort is the Florida Master Naturalist Program, a natural history and conservation education training program dedicated to promoting awareness, understanding, and respect of Florida's natural world among citizens and visitors. For more information, see <http://swfrec.ifas.ufl.edu/wild/main.htm>.

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Frank has a PhD in Ecology from Pennsylvania State University. His extension programs focus on evaluating the effects human activities have on wildlife, their habitats, and ecosystem integrity. These evaluations form the basis for management decisions, particularly those relating to crocodylians. His current activities involve developing long term, integrated education programs to support ecosystem restoration and management efforts in South Florida and the Caribbean. For more information, see <http://crocdoc.ifas.ufl.edu/staff/mazzotti.htm>.

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Holly has a PhD in Forest and Wildlife Science from Oregon State University. Her extension programs explore the influence of forest management activities on wildlife, restoration of forest biodiversity and ecosystem functions, management of threatened and endangered species, and development of tactics to moderate wildlife damage issues. Holly is co-leader of the Natural Areas Training Academy, an initiative that promotes sound stewardship of forest wildlife and their habitats by providing instruction to private and public forest landowners. She is also co-director for the Conserved Forest Ecosystems, an outreach and research cooperative that facilitates integrative research and outreach activities promoting sustainable conservation and management of forest ecosystems. For more information, see <http://nfrec.ifas.ufl.edu/contact/HollyOber.shtml>.

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