



CELEBRATING  
**80**  
YEARS  
OF CONSERVATION

2018 marks the 80th anniversary of the Indiana Wildlife Federation. IWF was formed in 1938 due to the need of Indiana's hundreds of local conservation clubs to have a unified voice in protecting the natural world, which was quickly being threatened by development and poor wildlife management practices.

Though our name may have changed over the years, our mission has remained the same. We continue to advocate for the protection and responsible management of Indiana's wildlife and wildlife habitats. We hope to continue in this mission for another 80 years and more, but we need your help. Keep reading to learn more about our efforts this year and how your membership makes it all possible.

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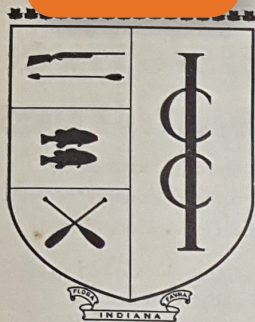
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# Hoosier CONSERVATION

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## 800 CLUBS CONSOLIDATE

### Organization Makes Conservation History

#### Board Approves Club Newspaper

Directors of Indiana Conservation Council laid groundwork for establishment of an official newspaper at the September 25, 1960 meeting of the organization at McCormick's Creek State Park. On motion of John Taylor, chairman of the executive committee, a committee of four members was appointed to do the "spade" work on the publication: set out qualifications for an editor, adopt a proposed name, size and number of pages flexible enough to meet editing, make-up, cost and advertising requirements. The findings of the committee were to be presented for formal adoption.

A partial report was made on December 11 by Raymond Keim, chairman, C. O. Mollenhour, Joe Junker and John Taylor.

Authorization for the paper was

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Organization of the Indiana Conservation Council, Incorporated had its formal beginning with the provisional adoption of a new constitution by the Indiana State Conservation Advisory Council at its spring meeting, March 27, 1960.

Reorganization plans gained momentum at the midsummer meeting with the final adoption of the Constitution, election of officers and appointment of a special committee to institute corporation proceedings.

On September 23, 1960 the Secretary of State affixed his signature and seal to the Certificate of Incorporation, awarding the Indiana Conservation Council, Incorporated the right to proceed with business under the provisions of an Act of 1935 concerning non-profit organizations.

The Board of Directors of the newly incorporated organization held its initial meeting September 25. The board is made up of the sixteen district representatives who previously formed the Advisory Council.

The Indiana Conservation Council



**COUNCIL DIRECTORS MEET**—On January 8 the Board of Directors of the Indiana Conservation Council, Inc. met in the Claypool Hotel, Indianapolis, with several guests present. Pictured above, reading from left to right, clockwise, are: Homer Brenneman, District 3 representative; Tom Arch, District 4 representative; unidentified guest; Del Brand, Vanderburgh county representative; Jim Endicott, District 12 representative and last year's Council president; Jim Willis, alternate, District 10; John Taylor, District 13 representative; Henry Thoman, District 14 representative; Gerald Raper, District 15 representative.

In the back row, left to right, are: Lt. Shirley of the Conservation Department, Enforcement Division, Post #4; Woodrow Fleming, a guest; and Raymond Denny, Bartholomew County representative.

Also present were: Stanley Taylor, president of the Council, representing the 11th District; Charles Klausen, vice-president and parliamentarian, representing the 1st District; Raymond Keim, secretary-treasurer, representing the 6th District; C. O. Mollenhour, District 2 representative; Donald R. Myers, District 5 representative; Joe Junker, District 7 representative; M. L. Davis, District 8 representative; Wm. P. McGovern, District 9 representative; Raymond Aug, District 16 representative; Paul F. Brady, attorney; and Kenneth Marlin, Director of the Department of Conservation.

▲ Photo: The first edition of the Hoosier Conservation Newsletter, 1961

Since the release of our first newsletter nearly six decades ago, we have covered numerous Indiana conservation issues. In the 1960's, we advocated for the approval of Muscatatuck National Wildlife Refuge and Dunes National Lakeshore. In 1970's, we opposed the channelization of the Kankakee River and co-sponsored the Eastern Greater Sandhill Crane Symposium alongside the Wildlife Society. More recently, we fought against canned hunting operations and hosted Indiana's first Monarch Summit. This is just a sample of the efforts we have made. For more, keep an eye on our social media for throwback Thursday posts!



## Letter from the Executive Director

Greetings IWF Members!

Since 1938 the Indiana Wildlife Federation has worked tirelessly to promote the conservation, sustainable use and sound management of Indiana's wildlife and wildlife habitat—all of which has been made possible by the generous support of our members. That means, for eight decades Hoosiers all across the state have recognized the importance of access to public natural areas, the continuation of American sporting traditions, and the preservation of natural resources for the enjoyment of future generations.



As our organization heads into its eightieth year, we have a renewed sense of duty and responsibility to continue the vision of our founding members. Digging through the historical archives, we were stunned to discover how our current messaging echoes the messaging from the 40s, 50s, and 60s.

What have we been saying for eight decades?

Protect our watersheds. Preserve our vanishing habitats. Teach your children the wonders of nature. Prevent topsoil erosion. Support common-sense solutions for maintaining clean air and water. Garden for wildlife. Contact your elected official. Increase access to public lands. Perhaps most importantly: work together.

The Indiana Wildlife Federation thanks you for 80 years of support, generosity and spirit. We are very excited to continue to build success on the foundation that was laid in 1938. We hope you will be with us every step of the way...and bring your friends!

Yours in conservation,

Emily Wood, Executive Director

## Calendar Updates

Feb 22-25 - Deer, Turkey, & Waterfowl Expo

March 3 - Goose Pond Field Day

March 14-18 - Wildlife Week / Kids' Contest Begins on Monday

April 7 - Sour Beer Fest

April 21 - Earth Day Indiana Fest

April 22 - Little River Wetlands Project Earth Day

April 27-30 - City Nature Challenge

Mid May - IWF Native Plant Sale orders begin shipping

June 10-18 - Nature Play Days

June 15 - Holt Scholarship Application Deadline

June 16 - Member Float Trip

## Volunteer Opportunities

IWF is a small organization and we rely on our amazing volunteers to make our events happen. These are some of the ways in which you can help:

- **Booth Events**

Every year, we promote our organization at booth events like Earth Day and Conner Prairie's Curiosity Fair. We need enthusiastic volunteers who want to engage with the public, talk about being an IWF member, and help us run our giveaways and games.

- **Working with Children**

Enjoy educational activities with kids? We get the privilege of spending the day with great elementary school kids at Cold Spring several times a year. We also participate in ICAN's Nature Play Days. We need volunteers who are great with kids and enjoy putting on youth activities.

- **Planting, Removal, and Clean Up**

This year, we want to have more hands on outdoor work. If you like to get your hands dirty and clean up our shared spaces, we will have several opportunities.

- **Photography**

Are you an avid photographer? We are always looking to showcase great nature photography. Donating the use of your photos to IWF helps us and spotlights your talent!

To find out about all our opportunities visit: [www.indianawildlife.org/about/volunteer/](http://www.indianawildlife.org/about/volunteer/). To volunteer, email us at [info@indianawildlife.org](mailto:info@indianawildlife.org).

## Think Spring: Native Plant Sale

Spring is just around the corner and it's time to start thinking about landscaping and planting. IWF offers a variety of native flowers, shrubs, and trees to spruce up your yard or create new habitats.

We are continuing our partnership with Cardno Native Plant Nursery to provide a selection of native plant kits, bare root shrubs and trees, and seed packets. Each plant kit contains 50 native plants that will be delivered to your door. Every purchase supports IWF and Indiana's wildlife.



▲ Photo: Bird and Butterfly Kit

For more information visit <http://www.indianawildlife.org/wildlife/native-plants/native-plant-sale/>

## Apply for the 2018 Holt Scholarship!

The IWF Endowment awards a \$1,000 scholarship in memory of Charles Holt, a lifelong member and champion of fish and wildlife resources. Applicants must be at or above a sophomore level and studying a field related to resource conservation or environmental education. Applications are accepted until June 15.

Visit [www.indianawildlife.org/Holt-Scholarship](http://www.indianawildlife.org/Holt-Scholarship) to apply.

IWF is partnering with the Amos Butler Audubon Society for a day of birding at one of Indiana's hottest migratory waterfowl viewing locations. Spend the day with expert birders. Hear about the work of the International Crane Foundation in Indiana. Learn how IWF helped in the creation of Goose Pond.



Click [here](https://www.indianawildlife.org/news-events/events-calendar/) or visit <https://www.indianawildlife.org/news-events/events-calendar/> to register.

This is free event, but for planning and logistics we would like an accurate count. If you register, and your plans change and you cannot attend--please let us know.

**GOOSE POND FIELD DAY**  
**SAT 03.03.2018 | 9AM-2PM**  
**JOIN IWF & AMOS BUTLER**  
**AUDUBON SOCIETY FOR A**  
**DAY OF BIRDWATCHING.**



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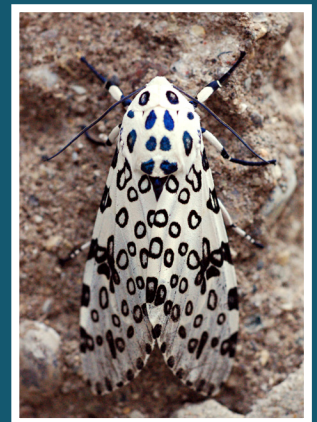
## Wildlife Spotlight



### *What happens to insects in winter?*

After the incredibly cold winter we have been experiencing in Indiana, you might be wondering how insects could possibly survive. While some insects can migrate (the monarch butterfly, for example), many insects not only have to endure winter, but they rely upon those cold temperatures as part of their life cycle. The insects that stay behind have two basic strategies for survival; freeze avoidance and freeze tolerance.

Avoidance can be as simple as finding shelter. Some insects can produce a waxy cuticle to keep the cold at bay. There are species of springtails that even shed their stomachs to prevent ice crystals from forming in their digestive fluids! Insects that have to tolerate the cold, like the caterpillar commonly called a woolly bear, can produce anti-freeze proteins to keep their bodies from icing up. Most insects use a process called supercooling, where they produce sugars in their body which allow their fluids to drop below their freezing point without actually forming damaging ice crystals.



While some of us may want to help insects by bringing them into a warm place during winter, remember that they often require these temperatures as part of their life cycle. For instance, bringing a praying mantis egg case inside may result in an early hatch, meaning swarms of mantises in your house with nothing to eat but each other! In the case of the giant leopard moth pictured above, the cold winter temps are an indicator for when to pupate before emerging the spring. As tempting as it may be to try to help them out, these insects have evolved in these conditions and will be just fine.

## 2018 Legislative Updates

Your Indiana Wildlife Federation is actively watching a number of Bills making the rounds in the 2018 Indiana Legislative session. IWF has not yet made any recommendations to support, oppose or remain neutral on these bills. We historically wait until the Bills are passed to the other house for consideration to make this recommendation.

If you have strong feelings one way or the other on a particular Bill and the position IWF should take, you may email your comments to the IWF office at [info@indianawildlife.org](mailto:info@indianawildlife.org). Your input will assist the Board of Directors with our policy position.

February 5, is the last day for 3rd reading and passage of any House Bill. Other missed milestones may have already rendered some House Bills inactive.

[HB 1089](#): St Joe River- Passed Committee. - Waiting House vote.

[HB 1096](#): Construction requirements for MS4 operators. - Passed 70-24. - Referred to Senate.

[HB 1227](#): Noxious weeds - 1-23-2013 - Passed House. - Referred to Senate.

[HB 1289](#): Local regulation of natural resources development. - Passed committee. Recommended "Do Pass" No vote scheduled yet.

[HB 1292](#): Motor Boat regulation changes. - Passed committee. Recommended "Do Pass" No vote scheduled yet.

February 6, is the last day for 3rd reading and passage of any Senate Bill. Other missed milestones may have already rendered some Senate Bills inactive.

[SB 20](#): Rifles on private land for deer - Passed 47-2. - Referred to house.

[SB 178](#): Taking of sand from bed of Lake Michigan. - Amended in committee. No vote scheduled yet.

[SB 286](#): SPEA study of Indiana environmental policy. - Passed 47-0.

[SB 299](#): Study concerning local surcharge on state park fees. - Passed 42-7

[SB 330](#): Seed Commissioner rule making: Passed committee. - No vote scheduled yet.

[SB 361](#): Water infrastructure task force. - Passed 47-0. - Referred to house.

[SB 362](#): Regulation of water and waste water. - Passed 49-0. - Referred to House.



## Habitat Programs Updates

### Certified Habitat Workshop

This year, we will be expanding our habitat workshop to locations all over Indiana, from Schererville to Greensburg, Syracuse to Terre Haute. We will also be presenting a habitat workshop hosted by our friends at the Indy Zoo and to the Marion Co Master Gardeners, among others.

We certainly hope to see you at one of our workshops this year. And remember, if you belong to a group that is interested in scheduling a free habitat workshop, you can contact Aaron at [stump@indianawildlife.org](mailto:stump@indianawildlife.org).

### Certified Sustainable Trails

Holliday Park has joined our trail certification program for 2018! Keep an eye on our calendar for volunteer opportunities with our new partner.

There will also be activities taking place all along the Urban Wilderness Trail in downtown Indy. If you enjoy nature walks, the UWT will be playing host to several opportunities this year.

We will be partnering with Indiana Humanities through their Next Indiana Campfires program to bring Hoosiers a new perspective on nature and why we must appreciate it.

Watch our website and social media for more!

## Thank You to Our Donors!

2017 was a great year for the Indiana Wildlife Federation! 185 backyard habitats were certified in Indiana and we sold over 1500 native plants and 100 trees. We built over 260 bird feeders with youth and presented our habitat workshop to hundreds of attendees. Our staff and volunteers presented our second monarch butterfly migration tagging event and hosted the Indiana Monarch Summit. IWF engaged four college level interns and awarded a \$1000 scholarship to an Indiana student majoring in wildlife biology. Through workshops, booth events, programs, and social media efforts, we reached over 12,000 Hoosiers on matters affecting Indiana's wildlife, habitat and natural resources.