



Photo: Glacier's End - CILTI

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**W**e have huge news! IWF, in partnership with Central Indiana Land Trust (CILTI), was awarded \$239,500 from the 2022 [Next Level Trails Funding](#). With this award, we will construct two new trails, including an ADA accessible trailhead at a CILTI property called Glacier's End Nature Preserve in Johnson County.

Glacier's End is exactly what its name would suggest; the place where the glaciers stopped their southward march. Specifically, it is where the Wisconsin Glaciation ran into the Brown County Hills. As a result, the property has both glaciated and unglaciated land encompassed by high-quality habitat. The land supports an exceptionally diverse array of flora and fauna and is a haven for rare species, including the state endangered timid sedge, Northern long-eared bat, red-shouldered hawk, hooded warbler and worm-eating warbler. In 2016, a new species of spider was even discovered on the property.

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The final layout for the trails is currently in the planning phase and will take some time. The goal is to give visitors the opportunity to experience diverse and healthy habitat while compromising none of the value for wildlife. Glacier's End is intended to showcase Indiana ecology and remind us that so much of what we have lost can still be restored.

The first trail will be an ADA accessible 1-mile loop that gently winds through the flat, glaciated, northernmost section of the property. Trail 2 will lead visitors deeper into the woods over numerous bridges where you will experience the rugged glacial limit of the Wisconsin Glaciation.

Through IWF's Certified Sustainable Trail Program, we will also construct a larger sustainable trail system that minimizes drainage and erosion impacts, keeps pedestrian traffic away from sensitive wildlife breeding areas, and protects critical habitat while creating an outstanding public resource.

Both trails are estimated to be completed by November of 2024. Be on the lookout for volunteer opportunities as we start our new trail at Glacier's End Nature Preserve. Visit our [Events Calendar](#) or email [blake@indianawildlife.org](mailto:blake@indianawildlife.org) for details.



# \$1000

## HOLT SCHOLARSHIP

Applicants should be taking coursework to major or minor in a field related to resource conservation or environmental education.

### Apply for the 2022 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 30.

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

## Letter from the Executive Director

Dear IWF Members, Partners, and Friends,

I hope you are all back from spring break and feeling refreshed and ready for a busy summer. This time of year we are gearing up for our annual membership campaign, so keep your eyes peeled for your renewal letters in the mail. You can easily see in this newsletter that an IWF membership supports our statewide wildlife habitat programs, and on-the-ground habitat projects like invasive species removals, native tree plantings, pollinator plantings, and sustainable trail partnerships. You can easily [join](#) or [renew](#) your membership online today.



I also want to alert college students, (or readers who know students) that we offer two, \$1000 [Scholarships](#) with a deadline to apply by June 30, 2022. The Holt Scholarship is named after conservationist and IWF member Charles Holt, and is available to any student who is majoring or minoring in a field related to natural resource conservation or environmental education. You can now apply right through our website, or read any FAQs about how to qualify/apply for the scholarship.

We have enjoyed seeing so many of you at our spring projects, workshops, and events. This newsletter is packed with photos and information about our statewide conservation efforts as well as one BIG announcement for our Sustainable Trails program. Happy reading, and as always we thank you for your continued support.

Yours in conservation,

Emily A Wood  
Executive Director

## Visit our website for native plants, videos, and more!

At [indianawildlife.org](http://indianawildlife.org), we strive to bring you resources for a wide range of conservation issues in Indiana.

Our [Native Plant Sale](#) is available all year, with spring and fall shipping windows. Our [Native Plant Finder](#) will be getting a big update this month including more plants and more pictures.

We have a [Bill Tracker](#) to help you follow important conservation legislation you may have missed.

The [Newsroom](#) is a searchable resource containing articles, legislative updates, and every issue of our Hoosier Conservation Newsletter.

# Conservation TOP SHOT

Thursday, September 1, 2022 at 1:30pm  
Indiana Gun Club (Fishers)

A sporting clay  
fundraiser benefitting:



Since 1938, The Indiana Wildlife Federation (IWF) has played an important role in conserving Indiana's natural resources on behalf of hunters, anglers, gardeners, conservationists and outdoor enthusiasts. By educating Hoosiers, consistently advocating on behalf of wildlife with legislators, and actively working with state agencies, the IWF promotes the conservation, sound management, and sustainable use of Indiana's wildlife and wildlife habitat. Come out in support of our common cause, Indiana's natural resources, and enjoy an afternoon of sporting clays at the Indiana Gun Club on September 1st, 2022.

Register at [indianawildlife.org/top-shot/](https://indianawildlife.org/top-shot/)

## Native Plant Sale 2022 - Fall Shipments!

Our spring orders have closed, but that doesn't mean you can't still get native plants in the ground this year. Fall is often considered an even better time than spring to plant new native plugs, so head over to our page and get your kit while supplies last.

Thanks to 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.

For more information visit [indianawildlife.org/wildlife/native-plants/native-plant-sale](https://indianawildlife.org/wildlife/native-plants/native-plant-sale)



▲ Photo: Pollinator Kit

# Orphaned and Injured Wildlife

Spring is finally here. It is time for you to open grills, cut down dead trees, and you suddenly encounter what appears to be orphaned or injured animals. What should you do?

First of all, ask yourself: Did I see an adult animal in the past hour? Does the animal really need help? Does it have signs of disease or injury? Will I help or harm the animal? It is important to know that juveniles' best care and best chance for survival is with their parents. Similarly, removing babies from their nest can disrupt their growth. Also note that human scent can drive predators to the young animals.

Be aware of your natural surroundings. Taking care of your yard may unfortunately result in injuring or even killing wild animals. To prevent any injuries, you can look for nests in your trees before cutting them down. Similarly, look for burrows and dens before mowing down grass and turning the soil over. Make sure the animals are safe from dogs, cats and humans to prevent any accidents.

Even when our intentions are good, we may not be helping. The easiest and safest option is to reach out to a certified wildlife rehabilitator. You can also reach out to your local veterinarian and ask if they take care of wild animals. Finally, a gentle reminder that it is against the law to keep wild animals if you don't have permits, even if you plan to release them.

Check out the list here: [in.gov/dnr/fish-and-wildlife/wildlife-resources/orphaned-and-injured-animals/wildlife-rehabilitators/](https://in.gov/dnr/fish-and-wildlife/wildlife-resources/orphaned-and-injured-animals/wildlife-rehabilitators/)



▲ Photo; Baby squirrels - Jenny Blake

## Workshops and Wildlife Education

Do you belong to or manage a group looking for educational workshops? IWF offers several presentations from our Wildlife Habitat Workshop, which covers the basics of creating habitat at home to our Indiana's Wild Climate Workshop where we discuss the impact of the climate crisis on Indiana and our wildlife. If you would like more information or want to schedule a workshop, please visit our [Workshops Page](#) or contact Aaron Stump at [stump@indianawildlife.org](mailto:stump@indianawildlife.org).



▲ Photo; presenting to Wild Birds Unlimited in Schererville



▲ Photo; presenting to Teter Retreat and Organic Farm

# Spring Events Recap

As part of the Action pillar of our initiative, IWF has outdoor volunteer opportunities on trail partner properties throughout the year. If you are a corporate group or community member interested in volunteering with us, check out our [Events Calendar](#) or email Jenny Blake at [blake@indianawildlife.org](mailto:blake@indianawildlife.org).



▲ Photo; The rain didn't stop our volunteers from putting 80 native plants in the ground



▲ Photo; Soaked but stoked after the native plant installation.

## Follow Us



▲ Photo; Ravenswood Overlook, Indianapolis. Thanks to Indy Parks, Keep Indianapolis Beautiful, Charitable Allies, and community members.



▲ Photo; Teter Retreat and Organic Farm, Noblesville. Spring bird count with Amos Butler Audubon Society.



▲ Photo; Scott Starling Nature Sanctuary, Indianapolis. Honeysuckle removal with Indy Parks, Land Stewardship, and community members.

## ADVERTISE HERE!

Does your business share the IWF vision of sustainable wildlife and wildlife habitats for Indiana? If your business would like to show its commitment to conservation and be highlighted for doing so through our communications and website, please contact us by e-mail at [info@indianawildlife.org](mailto:info@indianawildlife.org).