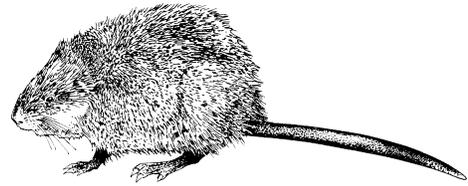


TRAP-LINES



*New York State Trapper's Association
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President's Report

Greetings NYSTA Members,

It is hard to believe that summer is over and autumn has already arrived. Our Annual Fall Convention is now a memory and the upcoming trapping season is only a few very short weeks away.

It seems like only a few days ago when Al West, Dave Miller, and I traveled to Marshfield, Wisconsin to attend the NTA Awards Banquet along with our NTA Representative, Jim Carmody and Past President, Gordy Berndt. NYSTA had deservingly nominated Gordon Batcheller for the NTA Conservationist of the Year award. Gordon has always been very supportive of trappers and trapping not only in New York, but at national and international levels as well. We are very fortunate to have Gordon and the Furbearer Management Team to work with here in NY and we felt that Gordon was the perfect candidate for this award. Gordon's nomination was endorsed not only by NYSTA, but also by everyone I contacted for support on his behalf. I received several letters of support which I forwarded to the NTA along with NYSTA's official nomination. Gordon Batcheller's accomplishments are well known by many within the NTA as well. It was an easy choice and Gordon was chosen to receive this well deserved award. Gordon met us in Marshfield and joined us at the banquet. We had a very good time and it was a proud moment for all of us when Gordon received the NTA's Conservationist of the Year award. I was glad several of us were able to attend and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all who were at the banquet as well as to again thank Gordon for all he has done and continues to do for trapping, trappers, and the wild fur trade.

Congratulations, Gordon, for this honor so well deserved.

NYSTA's Annual Fall Convention was a huge success. Once again we exceeded previous attendance records. I personally noticed more family attendance and participation than in years past. It was great to see so many children enjoying themselves along with their parents. I hope this trend continues. The amount of work that is done by the Convention Committee and other NYSTA volunteers is immense. It takes a tremendous amount of time, effort, and dedication to put on an event of this



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magnitude. There is no way I can adequately express my appreciation for all the work these volunteers do year after year. To each and every one of you who help to make this event so successful, THANK YOU !

Recently Al West, Jim Carmody, Dave Miller, and myself met at Piseco Lake. We had two objectives. The first was an idea I had been entertaining about hosting a trapping event at the site of my first NYSTA memories. The Piseco Lake Rod & Gun Club, where the NYSTA Conventions were held many years ago, is now the Piseco Municipal Building. That is where Dave and I met up with Al and Jim. We approached the good folks in the Town offices with our thoughts and they were very receptive to the idea. One lady even remembered the good old days when NYSTA held their Fall Convention there and commented on what a good time was had by all and how necessary it is to promote trapping in today's world. This event is still in the fledgling development stage so I won't elaborate too much at this time except that the time frame for this event will be early October, 2011 and it will be an event more geared towards a theme of advanced trapper training along with the nostalgic reminiscence of the good old days at the Piseco Lake Convention. More on this will be forthcoming in the future as we develop the program and actual time frame. It will certainly be an event you won't want to miss.

Our second purpose for meeting that day was to travel to and physically see and experience the Moose River Plains Wild Forest. Orson and Dorson Davis, local trappers and NYSTA members met us in Indian Lake to generously donate their time and expertise in guiding us through the area. The APA and the DEC are jointly proposing a new Unit Management Plan for the MRPWF that would result in miles of road and trail closures as well as reclassification of over 15,000 acres from wild forest to wilderness. These changes would have extremely negative affects of trappers, hunters, fishermen, and other users and visitors of this unique region.

The NYSTA felt it was extremely necessary for us to provide intelligent and informed comment on the State's proposals. The Davis brothers gave us a great deal of insight and

valuable information necessary for us to address this comment period properly. The NYSTA sincerely thanks Orson and Dorson Davis for their time and knowledge to help us form our comments on the proposed Unit Management Plan and the Draft Generic Environmental Impact Statement for the Moose River Plains Wild Forest.

I would like to once again remind everyone to please carefully read the new trapping regulations carefully before going afield this fall. If you have any questions at all regarding the new changes please contact your local ECO or Regional DEC Office for clarification.

The next NYSTA Board of Directors Meeting is on October 16, 2010 at the Herkimer County Fairgrounds Office, Frankfort, NY. The business meeting will again start at 9:00 am. I will be forwarding an Agenda for that meeting to all voting members and county reps via email soon.

Best of luck to all for a safe and successful trapping season !

John Rockwood, President

New York State Trappers Association
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Next Newsletter Deadline....

January 29, 2011.

Do you have Meetings, Fur Auctions, Dinners and other events to announce? Please send the information to:

***Angie Berchielli
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AngieBerchielli@MSN.com

Deadline for information to me is ***January 29, 2011*** for the next newsletter that will reach our readers in mid to late ***March.***

Vice President's Report

The final numbers are still being tabulated as I write this, but it looks as if the 2010 NYSTA Convention & Sportsman Show once again, may have broken last year's record attendance! I do know that we had over 90 tailgater's & almost 50 inside vendors this year and almost all of the inside vendors have renewed for next year's convention.

All this was made possible by the hard work of our 2010 Convention Planning Committee and all the volunteers that helped not only during the weekend, but throughout the year making our convention a reality. Each year the call for help goes out and the following trappers always are the first to step up and most of the time; spend the entire weekend sitting in the NYSTA Booth, mostly without relief. Dave Morse, Jim Peterson Sr., Tom Zeider, Bill Smith & Dale Gamba, my hat goes off to you. I can't tell you how lucky as Convention coordinator I am to have you gentlemen willing to do what you do. There are many more volunteers that many never see because they are the ones that help set-up & break-down the convention each year. Butch Jenks, Cory Cool, Bob Sheedy, "Bub" Reed, Al West, Bob Hughes, Jim Carmody, Dave Leibig, Mark Charpentier, Ed Bacon Gordy Berndt & Stephen Jones. **Thank you** for your dedication & muscle by taking the extra time to arrive early and stay late to ensure the convention is a success.

Thank you to Pat Arnold & Dave Miller and the rest of the trappers training staff as they graduated more than 40 new trappers this year, I hope that they all have a great 1st season.

Pat was pulling double duty as she was also the mastermind of the fur handler's award and was once again working very hard at that during the weekend as well. This year I do need to single out someone for special recognition. Tom Delisle and his entire family were the driving force behind our kids program and they singlehandedly made it a **HUGE** success for the youngsters. They also assisted with the Chinese raffle as well as helping with the tear-down Sunday morning and several other things throughout the weekend, once again, **thank you!** Your help ensured that NYSTA had a great convention. If I've missed someone I apologize, as your efforts certainly weren't overlooked on purpose.

Lastly, **thank you** to everyone that attended.... from the vendors & tailgaters, to most

certainly the trappers who have made, and continue to make the New York State Trappers Association Convention the finest state convention in the country.

Plans for next year's convention have already been started. We have our eyes set on a bigger & better convention next year and have secured another dealer building for further expansion as all but a couple inside vendor booths have already been reserved for next year.

We're planning to add "day only" tailgater spaces to accommodate those individuals that only have a few items to sell, or for those that can't spend the entire weekend with us. Those spaces will be on a first come-first serve basis and will be 10' X 10' and will cost \$25. We will once again be taking reservations for our traditional tailgate spots with a \$20 deposit required to hold the spot until noon on Friday. If anyone has any ideas on how to improve the convention, something that you would like to see added, or if you have something that you feel isn't right, please feel free to contact me and I'll make note of it and bring it to the convention committee for discussion.

The NYSTA will be hosting the **2011 Fur Takers of America National Convention** at the Chautauqua County Fairgrounds in Dunkirk, NY **June 24th - 26th, 2011**. New York hasn't hosted a national trapper's convention in about 20 years and I'm looking forward to a great weekend filled with demos from some of the country's top trappers, many of whom never make it this far east. I hope that you'll put the dates on your calendar and plan to attend.

Dave Miller is heading up this convention and is looking for volunteers; please contact him (607-522-4707 or guarddn@empac.net) if you can help out during the weekend, even if only a couple hours. We are also looking for a trapper in Chautauqua County who would like to be the NYSTA County Representative and also help Dave out with the convention. That position has been vacant for years. If you would like to become more involved and volunteer for this position, please contact NYSTA President John Rockwood (315-415-4946 or Loggerjohn@aol.com) for more information.



Vice-President's Report continued...

I'm looking forward to the upcoming season and I hope that everyone else is as well. Please remember that it's not always about the number of animals we take, or the amount of time we spend doing it, but rather the enjoyment we get from it. Please take a moment to share that love with someone that may not have experienced it as yet or that hasn't in many years. I encourage every member to take the time to sign up one new member so we can continue to grow the Organization and have the resources to be able to not only to defend trapping, but to further promote it as a way of life.

If you have any ideas or suggestions my phone and email are listed below and please feel free to contact me with any concerns. I'm looking forward to meeting many trappers this winter at local fur sales and don't forget the upcoming spring membership meeting. Get out there and set some traps and don't forget to take a kid trapping....

Wayne Jones
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Convention news:

Kids Pack Basket Winners:

Upon arriving at the convention this year I was aware of only two confirmed donors to the **Kids Pack Basket Giveaway Program**. I was very pleasantly surprised to find that Mark Charpentier had taken it upon himself to bring enough items to make six complete baskets. As the convention progressed it became apparent that several other groups had sent checks to NYSTA to support this worthwhile cause that neither I or Mark were aware of. Mark and his crew scrambled to all the dealers to obtain the needed items to complete three more baskets.

I can't thank Mark enough for all the effort he put in and I'm positive the winners are very grateful too. Four baskets were given away Friday and five on Saturday. The fifth basket Saturday was given to one of the students whose name was drawn from those attending the trapper training course at the convention.



A **big thank you** to the following donors for your generous support of this program and **congratulations** to all the winners.

Ulster County Trappers:
won by **Sterling Gorlock**.

Columbia County Trappers:
won by **Julia Carbone**.

Columbia County Nuisance Wildlife Control:
won by **Aaron Hellijas**.

Mid-Hudson Valley Fur Harvester's Association:
won by **Casey East**.

St. Lawrence County Trappers Association:
won by **Sadie Gregoire**.

Foothills Trappers Association:
won by **Dalton Peters**.

Genesee Valley Trappers:
won by **Trent Post**.

Fulton-Montgomery Fur Harvester's Association:
won by **Cegan Jaquish**.

Orange County Trappers:
won by **Cameron Meulengracht (trapper training)**.

Again I sincerely want to thank Mark and all of the donors whose all important sponsorship of this program has made it such a success.

We hope that the different county organizations consider again adding this program to their budgeting plans for the year 2011. It is as simple as making a donation of \$150.00 to sponsor a basket and help a young person get started in trapping.

It would really help with our planning, if we could get those commitments by **August 1, 2011**.

We thank you, and the kids "Thank you!"

Dave Morse
607-849-3090

Convention Awards

There were several trappers honored with awards at our Annual Fall Membership Meeting held during the convention.

Our *convention booklet* was dedicated to John Milks. John has been a member of NYSTA longer than I can remember and has served as NYSTA Vice President, Region 9 Director, Cattaraugus County Rep., and he was NYSTA's Convention Chairman for several years. John was also a founding member of the Cattaraugus County Trappers Assoc. and at one time or another has served in every Executive Office position in that association.

NYSTA Appreciation Awards were given to Jon Olin, Paul Grimshaw, Bud Eckart, and Bub Reed for their dedicated service to the trappers of this state.

Director of the Year Award went to Jack Sincock, long time Director of Region 8E. Jack is retiring from that position this year but I'm sure he will still be around checking in on us. Jack's been involved in NYSTA so long it's a habit!

The **Affiliate of the Year Award** was given to the Rockland County Trappers Association for their unparalleled efforts in promoting trapping and the NYSTA in Region 3.

Tom Zeider, Ulster County Rep. for NYSTA was the well deserving recipient of the **Trapper of the Year Award**. Tom has been in charge of the NYSTA Calendars. This is a major fund raiser for NYSTA and demands a lot of time and effort to promote and attend to. Tom's dedication to the NYSTA and all of NY's trappers is second to no one.

The President's Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to Patricia Arnold, Region 6 Director, for her efforts in starting and promoting the NYSTA Fur Handler of the Year program, her dedication to young trappers as the driving force behind the new Youth Trappers Camp event, and for her lifelong commitment to the promotion, protection, and preservation of our trapping, hunting, and fishing heritage.

I would like to personally thank each and every one of this years award recipients for all they have done and continue to do. As Jack Sincock said, this extreme dedication "is a passion that comes from here" as he pointed to his heart. Thank you and congratulations to all of these folks for that passionate dedication.

John Rockwood

Fur Handlers Awards 2010

Youth Fur handler of the year.

Steven McHarg Raccoon

New York State Fur Handler of the year

Dave Clark - Red Fox

Beaver

1. Dave Clark
2. Rick Wattengel
3. Gary Yavaniski

River Otter

1. Jeff French

Fisher

1. Jeff French
2. Staci Molyneaux
3. Gary Yavaniski

Mink

1. Jeff French
2. Joe Van Houten
3. Gary Yavaniski

Muskrat

1. Jeff French
2. Frank Farrar
3. Gary Yavaniski

Raccoon

1. Jeff French
2. Rick Wattengel
3. Dave Clark

Red Fox

1. Dave Clark
2. Staci Molyneaux

Coyote

1. Dave Clark
2. Jeff French
3. Gary Yavaniski

Weasel

1. Jeff French

Opossum

1. Staci Molyneaux

Gray fox

1. Joe Van Houten
2. Gary Yavaniski

Skunk

1. Jeff French

The 2011 Calendars on Sale NOW!



Call: Tom Zeider -
845-647-4631 or contact
your Regional Director for
2011 Calendars.

The calendars are \$20.00 each and the
proceeds benefit NYSTA's Legislative Fund.

Happily I can begin this report with good news. Our trap tag ID Number bill has passed both houses and been signed by Governor Patterson. That means that if you so desire you can now use trap tags with your trapping license number which, due to the computerized licensing system in use for the past several years, remains with you permanently. Please understand that this IS ***NOT mandatory***. You may still use your old tags with name and address if you like, and you may continue to use them in the future. It is your choice.

Also the use of crossbows was approved by the legislature. This bill was, by the time it was passed and signed, seriously watered down from what sportsmen had hoped for but at least we have a foot in the door. In truth we had a pretty good year in the legislature. No bills were forwarded that would be detrimental to trapping or other sportsman's issues.

On much the same note several new trapping regulations were put in effect that will greatly expand trapping opportunities here in N.Y. An extended land season in the Northern Zone, trapping near beaver dams with small foothold and body gripping traps in both the Northern and Southern zone, legalized use of road kills and regulations to insure that carcasses may be used as bait stations so long as methods are used that will avoid various birds of prey are some of the more important ones.

Please be sure that you VERY CAREFULLY read the new hunting and trapping guide to make sure that you are fully aware of each of these new regulations and completely understand them. If you have any question what-so-ever contact your local Environmental Conservation Officer or your closest D.E.C. office.

Many of you are aware that there are some new regulations being considered for parts of the Adirondack Park. Last week NYSTA President John Rockwood, JTI Chairman Al West, NTA rep. Jim Carmody and I spent a full day touring the Moose River Plain where several road and camping area closures are being considered. We were guided on that trip by brothers Orson and Dorson Davis of Racquette Lake. Orson and Dorson trap and hunt the area, know it well and were a tremendous help to us and to all of NYSTA as they guided us around explaining as we went what each closed road and each closed camp

area would mean to trappers and other sportsmen and women. NYSTA and the JTI Committee have entered comments very strongly opposing any closing of roads, camping areas and other proposals that would be detrimental to the interests of those who truly enjoy the outdoors.

Some important final very important thoughts about the upcoming elections.

This will be a very crucial election year for outdoorsmen and women.

Please learn all that you can about the candidates that you will be voting for and then vote wisely.

Please be very careful of this "throw the bums out" movement. Many of the folks that are being targeted as people that should be "thrown out" are and have been ***very good*** friends of ours. It's pretty difficult, no matter what they may say now, to predict what a replacement may do. As of this writing many things are a bit up in the air. As soon as I have more solid information I will ask Wayne to put it on both his web site and the NYSTA site, www.nystrappers.org.

Also keep in mind that NYSTA has long been and is still the strongest, most successful advocate not only for trappers but for all sportsmen and women in New York State.

Please support NYSTA as strongly as you can, make sure you keep your membership is current and encourage non-member trappers to join. Maybe volunteer to help the Convention committee or become a regional representative. Your help is always appreciated and needed, and you'll probably find out that you really enjoy being an active part of NYSTA.

'Til later, I wish you all great holidays, successful traplines and be safe.

David Miller

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NTA- Conservationist of the Year Award

A Thank you from Gordon Batcheller

Date: Monday, July 26, 2010 8:22 AM

I want everyone to know that I am deeply honored and humbled to receive this award. I thank each and every person who may have been involved in the nomination, and I am especially thankful for the many years of collaboration here in New York between DEC and NYSTA, and in the larger sense, I am thankful for the strong relationship between the NTA and state agencies as we have worked together to develop BMPs.

In fact, as I think about this award, I visualize a battalion of people who have stood together to sustain and improve trapping in this state and beyond. In this sense, we are all "award winners." We have done much by working together to advance our conservation heritage. It's abundantly clear that partnerships and collaborative strategies are essential in today's world, and I believe that the NYSTA/DEC relationship is a prime example of the effectiveness of this approach.

I am now making plans to travel to Wisconsin for the NTA convention and awards banquet, and I hope to see a number of you there.

Again, many, many thanks.

Gordon R. Batcheller

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Recent Retirements from the Division of Fish, Wildlife and Marine Resources of DEC

John Major - Chief of the Bureau of Wildlife
Al Hicks - Wildlife Biologist - Central Office
Pete Nye - Wildlife Biologist - Central Office
Kurt Armstrong - Wildlife Biologist Reg. 7
Larry Skinner - Biologist Ecology - Central Office
Henry Buell - Fisheries Culturist - Central Office
Jeff Peil - Wildlife Biologist - Reg. 4
Dave Riehlman - Wildlife Biologist - Reg. 7
Marie Kautz - Wildlife Manager - Reg. 7
Daryl Jenks - Wildlife Biologist - Reg. 7
Bill Gordon - Wildlife Manager - Reg. 6
Greg Fuerst - Fish & Wildlife Technician - Reg. 8
John Curtiss - Fish & Wildlife Technician - Reg. 9
Ward Stone - DEC Wildlife Pathologist - Delmar

Many of these folks have been very supportive of us, some are or have been members of NYSTA. We should wish them all well. There are also people that have retired from the other Divisions of DEC. This is only a partial list.

Editors note:

The ranks of DEC are very thin, and unfortunately it may even get worse if the Governor's layoff proposal goes through.

As Dave Miller, our executive director already said, think very carefully about your vote this year. Also think very carefully about what the priorities for sportsmen and women needs to be under these very trying times.

Vote, and vote Wisely!

A NYSDEC Web Site of Interest:

Catch the latest updates on New York's fish and wildlife by subscribing to **Field Notes**, a free online e-mail list provided by the Division of Fish, Wildlife and Marine Resources.

To learn more, subscribe:

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/about/63801.html>

BREAKING GOOD NEWS:

Gordon Batcheller has been appointed as the new head of the Bureau of Wildlife (Bureau Chief) at NYSDEC. We should all congratulate him and offer him our full support in his new job.

In Passing:

A ten-year old boy received his first box of traps and set out to make some money of his own. He loved being outside, productive and doing things his own way, so trapping became a passion that lasted throughout this boy's life.

A fifty-nine-year old man passed away on February 28th, 2010, taking with him, all to soon, the knowledge and experience that he'd gained over his life. Roger P Ricco died while working at yet another passion, this one of a mere 25 years duration - Maple production.

He lived his whole life on the land where he was raised. He farmed, trapped, hunted and built his home there. As the third generation on that particular land, he raised his children and lived long enough to watch two of his grandchildren begin there lives on that land.

Roger was the type of man that we seldom see anymore. He carried incredible knowledge and willingly shared it - along with his well-known opinions - with anyone. He loved the land and the animals living on it.

He was given a pair of ranch-raised red foxes about 8 years ago and enjoyed nothing more than showing them off to folks. These foxes - there were over two dozen in the end - were raised for the pure joy of it. Roger would never consider using these animals for

their fur as they were his "pets". His corner at the Delaware County Fair was well known. The "Fox Man" had become an attraction at the Sportsman's Federation Location, along with the "Trapping Shed" complete with an ugly trapper and two children watching his work. Roger's "Mink box" drew people in for a little practical joke...and after recovering, these people would bring more people to suffer the consequences of Roger's sense of humor.

Roger became a NYS Trapper Instructor and loved the yearly class given in East Branch. He would hope for youngsters to show up for the class and loved it when there'd kids to teach. He wanted more than anything, to instill in them respect for the animals they were trapping...to release females and young animals when possible, to kill quickly, to handle the fur correctly so as to not waste it. Also, respect for the land and it's ecology...the fine balance between man and animals sharing the land.

Roger was a different breed of man...an old breed that's rarely seen now. He was strong and compassionate. It was his phone that rang when help was needed. He left an immeasurable imprint in this small community...he died too young.

Written by his wife Candy Ricco.



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Fur Sales:**Fur Harvester's of Jefferson County*****Fur sales dates:***

Date: December 11, 2010
and April 9, 2011

Where: Will be held at the Mannsville Fire Department.

Time: For both sales.

Receiving fur at 8AM

Auction starting by 9.

All sellers must be a member (\$5.00) and the commission is 10%. Charlie Pennock is our contact at 315-465-4031 or cep56@yahoo.com

Genesee Valley Trappers

Fur auction dates: Dec. 12, 2010, Jan. 16, 2011, Feb. 20, 2011, Mar. 20, 2011.

Location; Cty. Rt. 32 Honeoye, N.Y.

Contact person; Tom Miller, President.
(585) 229- 4759. Doors open at 7:30 AM.

Tioga County Trappers Association

Fur Sale Date: January 9, 2011

Location: Tioga County Sportsmen's Club, Carmichael Hill Rd., Owego, NY

Time: 9:00AM until Noon

Contact Person: Robert Vergason (607) 687-2196

**Foothills Trapper Association and
Fulton-Montgomery County Furharvesters**

SALE DATES: January 8th, February 5th and April 16th, 2011

The **January sale** is held at the **4-H Training Center, Middleline Road, Ballston Spa, NY.**

The **February and April sales** are held at the **VFW Post #4915, 131 Mohawk Street, Herkimer, NY** located ½ mile from Exit 30 of the NY State Thruway, directly across from the Burger King on State Rt. 5 in downtown Herkimer.

- Fur check-in begins at 6 AM and sale starts at 8 AM.
- There is a 7% commission charged to each trapper that sells fur with 1% of that commission is sent to NYSTA for the Executive Director's salary.
- For info, call Mike Vickerson at (518) 835-8014 or Frank Farrar at (518) 885-6623

***A quote for our times:***

"A vote is like a rifle, its usefulness depends upon the character of the user."
Theodore Roosevelt

STUDENT CORNER

Thank you!

The Northeast Section of The Wildlife Society's Field Course in Castleton, Vermont is a once in a lifetime experience, that I have had the utmost pleasure of attending in the May of 2010. The course's stress on hands on learning gives students rare chances to learn and hone skills that normal classes do not have the time for.

The course is two weeks and everyday during those two weeks something new is taught. The lessons that are taught are far from the typical college Power-Point's and monotone voices. The two main instructors, Dr. John McDonald and Dr. Bill Healy, were passionate about the subjects that were taught and how they themselves have used them or how they will make us, the students, better Wildlife Biologists.

The instructors arranged and brought in many Professionals from all stages of careers and job types. The professionals' skills ranged from birdcall identification, chemical immobilization, radio telemetry, trapping, and hunting just to name a few.

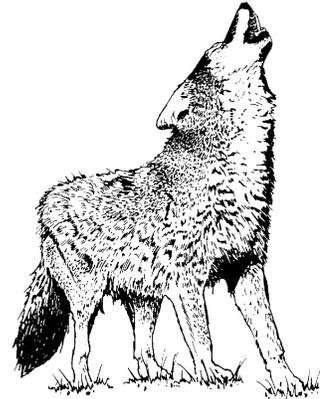
Within the first of the two weeks you learn many techniques that are use by today's Wildlife Biologist and during the second week students learn how to implement these techniques in their very own plots along a transect. The end of the class accumulates to group presentations about what was found in the different group plots and what are the results significance.

The Northeast Section of The Wildlife Society's Field Course was one of the greatest experiences of my college career. The course allowed us, the students, to learn and interact with professionals in the field in a way that would be unavailable to us normally. The other students and I would routinely stay up late talking to the people that would stop into the course even though we knew that we would have to be up on some days by 4am. And once 4 o'clock came around we were excited to begin learning that day's lesson. I cannot speak enough praise about this course and the people that I have met instructing or participating in some way there. Thank you to the New York Chapter of the Wildlife Society and the *New York Trapper's Association* for giving me the opportunity to partake in this course!

-Jonah Rothelder SUNY ESF
2010 NYS Chapter TWS and NYSTA Field Course
Scholarship Recipient

Adirondack Coyote Study

This fall, SUNY-ESF graduate students Scott Warsen and Robin Holevinski will be starting a study of coyotes in the Adirondack region of New York State. Based out of the Adirondack Ecological Center in Newcomb, the study will investigate coyote diet, competition with other predators (red fox, gray fox, and bobcat), and their impact on white-tailed deer. Given their recent range expansion across the Northeast, the ecological role of the coyote and how that relates to the niche once held by the eastern wolf is of interest to biologists and wildlife managers.

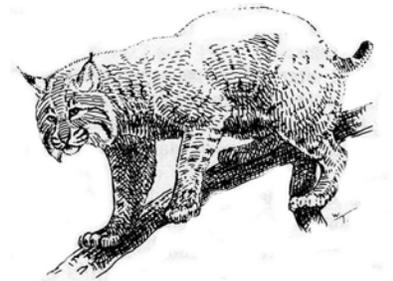


Researchers are asking for help from local trappers and would like to hear from you if:

- 1) you trap canines or bobcat in the Adirondack Park and would consider donating a small hair sample (10-20 hairs) from your pelts for part of the diet study, or
- 2) you trap coyotes near the town of Newcomb and would be willing to assist with the trapping and collaring of coyotes.

Please contact Scott (sawarsen@syr.edu) or Robin (raholevi@syr.edu) or call 518-582-4551 x112 if you'd like to help or even just to learn more about the project. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Scott Allen Warsen (sawarsen@syr.edu)





**NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION
Furbearer Possession Tag**



1. Complete this tag immediately upon arrival at your mode of travel, camp or home, whichever occurs first.
2. This tag is not an official pelt seal, but must accompany your pelt or unskinned animal at all times.
3. This tag allows you (the taker) to legally possess the pelt or unskinned animal until sealing is required.
4. The pelt or unskinned animal must be sealed before: (a) it may be exported from New York State; (b) sold or transferred to another's possession; (c) mounted or processed; or (d) the end of the tenth day after the close of the season in the Wildlife Management Unit (WMU) where it was taken, whichever comes first.
5. Be sure to record your 12-digit trapping or hunting ID # below.
6. For fields below: SEX : M = Male, F = Female, U = Unknown and TAKE: T = Trapped, H = Hunted, R = Road Killed.

First Name <input style="width: 100%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>	Last Name <input style="width: 100%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>
Date of Birth (mm/dd/yy) <input style="width: 20px; height: 20px;" type="text"/> / <input style="width: 20px; height: 20px;" type="text"/> / <input style="width: 20px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>	ID # (from license) <input style="width: 20px; height: 20px;" type="text"/> - <input style="width: 20px; height: 20px;" type="text"/> - <input style="width: 20px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>

Species Taken: Only ONE SPECIES may be used ON THIS TAG

Fisher Otter Bobcat (may be hunted)

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Important Notice:

Due to the severe budget cuts that DEC is experiencing, they will no longer have *paper* possession tags available. They can be downloaded or printed from DEC website. However since not all trappers have access to computers, NYSTA is enclosing this copy in the newsletter for your convenience. You still need to fill it out as before. ***Only one species of furbearer on each sheet, do not report more than one species on a sheet.*** You can make as many copies of this sheet as necessary.



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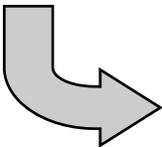
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