

Call for Abstracts!
Western Bat Working Group (WBWG)
2021 Biennial Conference and Workshop Presentation and Poster Abstracts

We are excited to bring the WBWG Conference to YOUR HOMETOWN – yes, this year’s WBWG meeting will be held in EVERY TOWN! Through the enchanting medium of Zoom, we will all be alone together to celebrate the best damn flying mammals in the world!

Share your knowledge! Present your research! Tune in & learn!
No auction this year but there WILL be an awesome raffle!
****Students** we’re offering a special opportunity for you alone!**



Here’s what you need to know:

- **Who:** Bat researchers, students, citizen scientists, and other interested folk
- **What:** It’s the 2021 WBWG Biennial Conference
- **When:** 27 & 28 April 2021
- **Meeting times:** 10AM – 4 PM Central both days
- **Where:** Your home PC, notebook, laptop well-spaced cafe
- **Medium:** Zoom (We will provide technical support.)

Registration Costs:

- **Non-student** (includes 2 years of WBWG membership fees): \$49
- **Student** (includes 2 year of WBWG memb. fees): \$40
- ****Student presenter:** (with abstract/presentation acceptance; includes 2-year WBWG membership): *Registration fees waived*
- **Registration:** Register for the conference online here: [WBWG 2021](#)

This year’s meeting will highlight many of the interesting projects that bat researchers work on when field opportunities are limited, and maybe some of that old stuff they never had the opportunity to present in the past as well as news of range extensions and other unanticipated bat-happenings. The meetings will also offer a great opportunity to get updates on NABat, state-wide surveys, white-nose status, and perspectives on the future of in-field bat research.

Format:

- Each presenter/presentation will be allotted a 20-minute time slot (including Q&A).
- Presentations will be delivered “live” on Zoom; we will provide support and technical guidance; presenters must have a stable internet connection and video capability.
- ****Students (only)** will have the opportunity to prepare, in advance, for submission, a 2- to 3-minute video highlighting their research or other valuable bat-related information.

If these or related topics are relevant to your work, and/or you would like to share your findings with us, please follow our abstract guidelines (page 2) and submit your completed abstracts to Bill Haas at “**Director at centralcoastbatsurvey.org**”.

Important note: The abstract submittal deadline is 5pm on 15 February 2021!

Abstract Guidelines:

Please provide a concise statement of your research. Your abstract should be informative and conclusive – the following list is both standard and our accepted WBWG’s abstract guidelines. Please follow these guidelines – due to time limitations, there will be competition for presentation time slots.

- 1) Title: An informative sentence that summarizes the importance of the project
- 2) Author(s): Name(s)
- 3) Affiliation(s): Institute(s)/Organization(s)
- 4) Body of Abstract: the body should include the following pieces of information:
 - a. Background: describe the reason(s) for your investigation and your hypothesis
 - b. Methods: provide a summary of your experimental methods
 - c. Results: outline the essential results of your study; include a data summary, statistics
 - d. Conclusion: end the abstract with a statement of the conclusions supported by your results

GENERAL

- 1-inch margins
- Single spaced
- Times New Roman font
- 11 pt. (except Affiliations which is 10 pt.)
- Full justification (align left and right margins)
- Use symbols and accents where necessary

TITLE

- 16 words or less
- Bold font
- No punctuation after title unless it ends with a question mark
- Use either a scientific name (italicized) or a common name, but not both
- Capitalize first letter of each word except prepositions, articles, and species names

AUTHORS

- Author names begin on line immediately after the title
- Comma separates authors, except last author name which is preceded by “and”
- Precede presenter’s name with an asterisk (*) Indicate affiliation by placing a number, or numbers, in superscript after the author name

AFFILIATION

- Follow authors on next line with affiliations
- Precede each affiliation by a bold number in sequence (1, 2, 3, 4...), followed by a space
- Include only Department, Institute, City and State
- Separate affiliations with a semicolon (;) no period at the end

ABSTRACT BODY

- 250 words or less
- Use an acronym only after full spelling of a term has been defined

FILE FORMAT

- Only .doc or .docx formats will be accepted (use Word, OpenOffice or any program that produces .doc and/or .docx files)