

FLORIDA CHAPTER THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

Courtney A. Tye Memorial Graduate Student Scholarship



We are pleased to announce that **Catherine Frock** is the 2020 recipient of the annual scholarship for graduate studies, administered by the Florida Chapter of The Wildlife Society. Catherine is expected to graduate with her PhD in Wildlife Ecology and Conservation from UF in August 2020.

Catherine grew up in the mountains of North Carolina, earning her BS degree in 2009 at NCSU and her MS degree in Zoology in 2015 at UW-Madison. Her thesis research focused on the effects of wildfire on small mammal foraging behavior. For her dissertation research, she is investigating the movement ecology of fox squirrels in Florida and Georgia. This research links animal movements collected by GPS technology with environmental data collected by the National Ecological Observatory Network, along with behavioral data from direct observations.

Catherine is a member of both The Wildlife Society parent organization and the Florida Chapter. She is developing a number of publications from her dissertation research and will share some of these results with us at the 2020 FLTWS Spring meeting in Jacksonville next month.

The FLTWS Graduate Student Scholarship was established in 2012 to recognize and financially assist graduate students pursuing a career in wildlife biology at a 4-year school in Florida. In 2014, the scholarship was renamed the Courtney A. Tye Memorial Graduate Student Scholarship in honor of a respected FFWCC employee and graduate student scholarship applicant, who was tragically lost to the conservation community. Applicants for the scholarship are judged based on career interest, research relevance, contribution to Florida wildlife, demonstrated leadership, professional potential, TWS involvement, financial need, and recommendation from a professor. The Florida Wildlife Federation and the National Wild Turkey Federation co-sponsor the scholarship. As this year's recipient, **Catherine** will receive a check for \$2,000 at the FLTWS Spring Meeting, 25-27 March 2020 in Jacksonville, Florida.

Monica Folk
Chair, FLTWS Scholarship Committee