

Announcement:

The Western Section of The Wildlife Society does hereby challenge its professional and student chapters (and professional/student joint ventures) to a competitive wildlife bioblitz (hereby: "Taxa-derby") across the Western Section's reaches (California, Hawaii, Nevada).

Rules:

- 1. The Taxa-Derby will extend from 12:00 AM Saturday, May 18, through 11:59 PM Sunday, May 19.
- 2. Each chapter may organize as many Teams as they wish to canvas as much territory as possible; a team must include at least one TWS member.
 - 3. Teams are <u>not</u> restricted to their Chapter boundaries, and may move between locations throughout the day; at each location, Teams must record their survey location, distance traveled, start/stop times, and species observation times.
- 4. At the conclusion of the Taxa-Derby, each Chapter will compile and submit final species lists for (a) their individual team(s), and (b) their Chapter.
 - 5. Team(s) and Chapters will be scored based on the total number of species observed.
- 6. Definition of a wildlife 'species' includes non-domesticated native and non-native vertebrates: fish, amphibian, reptile, bird, and mammal species; an unidentified genus (i.e. *Peromyscus* sp.) will be counted once, but sub-species will not be counted.
 - 7. Species must be identified by sight or sound (no tracks/sign); road kills can be counted.
 - 8. Trapping, mist netting, and baiting (excluding established bird feeders) are prohibited.

Winner:

Bragging rights will be granted to the Chapter with the greatest number of species.

Additional bragging rights will be granted to the Team(s) with the (a) greatest number of non-bird species, (b) greatest number of mammal species, (c) greatest number of species + fewest miles traveled, (d) greatest number of species + greatest miles traveled, (e) greatest number of nocturnal species, (f) greatest change in elevation, (g) highest percentage of your State's total species, and (h)

Chapter with greatest student participation (total # of students).

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6		(75 miles)	5:45 AM	Common Name 6		Scientific Name	6							
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8			8:17 AM	Common Name 8		Scientific Name	8							
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10			8:18 AM	Common Name 10		Scientific Name	10							
11			8:18 AM	Common Name 11		Scientific Name 11								
12			8:27 AM	Common Name 12		Scientific Name	12							
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14		Hghwy 1	8:37 AM	Common Name 14		Scientific Name 14								
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