

John Connock

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EDUCATION

Virginia Tech

Expected May 2018

- B.S. Fish and Wildlife Conservation
- Overall GPA: 3.92
- In-Major GPA: 3.87

EXPERIENCE

Virginia Tech

Spring 2016 – Present

Undergraduate Research Technician, Wildlife Ecotoxicology and Physiological Ecology Lab

- Assisted primarily with the Maternal Effects on Wood Duck Fitness Research Project conducted by Sydney Hope
- Duties related to that project include: avian husbandry, managing and checking large data sets, setup and cleaning of test sites, and general lab maintenance
- Briefly assisted with the eastern hellbender research by aiding with the checking of nest boxes and workup for hellbender nests

Student Conservation Association

Summer 2016

Research Intern, University of Central Florida Marine Turtle Research Group

- Conducted nighttime surveys for nesting female sea turtles along with daytime nest count surveys
- Conducted bi-monthly netting surveys in the Indian River Lagoon for juvenile sea turtles
- Gained skills in use of tree calipers, GPS collection and analysis, metal and PIT tag application, sea turtle track identification, biopsy punch use for skin and scute samples, blood collection, and centrifuging

Wildlife Management Intern, US Fish and Wildlife Service

- Developed procedure for sea turtle nest depredation study to be used on Archie Carr National Wildlife Refuge
- Conducted a preliminary, two-month depredation study on sea turtle nest predation
- Coordinated volunteer activities and conduct trail maintenance
- Collected content for public outreach and posted it on various forms of social media
- Certified FWS ATV/UTV, Defensive Driver, and Florida Boater Safety Course

HONORS & SCHOLARSHIPS

- Dean's List (four of four semesters since Fall 2014)
- Henry S. Mosby Scholarship (\$1,845)

ACTIVITIES & ORGANIZATIONS

- CNRE Leadership Institute
- The Wildlife Society National Member
- Virginia Tech Chapter of The Wildlife Society Member