Wildlife Program Overview

The wildlife program provides a foundation that instills students with a sense of responsibility, appreciation, expertise, and the drive to help manage and conserve the earth’s wildlife and ecosystems.

Students receive rigorous academic training in the classroom and in the field from a series of ecology and management courses which focus on large mammals, waterfowl, upland game, and non-game (e.g. herps, shorebirds, birds of prey, or neotropical passerines). Students complete independent research and complete a senior thesis with supervision from a professor.

Why HSU?

We offer specialty courses in:
- advanced ornithology
- behavioral ecology
- conservation biology
- ethology (animal behavior)
- population ecology
- spatial ecology
- upland habitats
- wetlands
- wildlife diseases
- independent research

The campus overlooks Humboldt Bay and coastal habitats that attract a wealth of the Pacific Flyway’s migratory shorebirds, raptors, and waterfowl. Local habitats, including Redwood National and State Parks and Six Rivers National Forest, are inhabited by black bears, river otters, Roosevelt elk, bobcats, mountain lions, and more.

The HSU wildlife program is nationally recognized. Our alumni hold many top jobs in the profession and often choose HSU wildlife graduates for jobs as field biologists, refuge managers, educators, game wardens, environmental consultants, etc.

If you love the outdoors, wish to study wildlife, and want to contribute to conservation and management, then you should definitely consider an HSU wildlife degree!

Bachelor of Science
Concentrations available in:
- Conservation Biology/Applied Vertebrate Ecology
- Wildlife Management & Conservation

Master of Science
Natural Resources, Wildlife Minor

Related Careers
- Conservation Biologist
- Conservation Ecologist
- Conservation Officer
- Ecologist
- Environmental Planner
- Environmental Specialist
- Fish and Game Warden
- Fish and Wildlife Assistant
- Fisheries Technician
- Forestry Technician
- Range Conservationist
- Range Technician
- Natural Resources Specialist
- Park Naturalist
- Park Ranger Park Technician
- Pest Control Operator
- Recreation Specialist
- Research Biologist
- Shooting Preserve Manager
- Soil Scientist
- Special Agent - Wildlife
- Wildlife Biologist
- Wildlife Manager
- Wildlife Technician
- Wildlife Refuge Manager

Careers listed may require additional education. For more information about careers & employers, see the Wildlife Career Guide.

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