

SCOTT ROBERT CRAVEN



Prepared by:

Jamie L. Nack
June 2018

Opening Summary:

Scott Craven worked as an Extension Wildlife Specialist and a faculty member in the Department of Forest & Wildlife Ecology (formerly the Department of Wildlife Ecology) for 32 years prior to retiring in 2011. Scott served as the Chair of the Department of Wildlife Ecology from 2000-2007. Since retirement, Scott has continued to serve the citizens of Wisconsin and the state's natural resources in many of the same capacities he did while he was "working".

Through his Extension work, formal teaching, applied research and mentoring Scott has had a tremendous impact on Wisconsin's natural resources. He has helped to educate the public on how to attract wildlife and how to thoughtfully deal with nuisance wildlife or wildlife damage situations. He has brought awareness to natural resource issues and current events to 100,000's of listeners on Wisconsin Public Radio, as well as answering their individual wildlife questions in person or via phone or email. He has influenced countless undergraduate and graduate students interested in natural resource careers as well as early and mid-career natural resource professionals. As a result, Scott is widely recognized and respected by the public and his peers as Wisconsin's wildlife ambassador or "go to" person for questions and information on wildlife.

Early Life and Education:

Born in Manchester, New Hampshire, Scott Craven received his Bachelor's degree in Zoology at the University of New Hampshire in 1970. After teaching high school biology for two years, Scott came to the University of Wisconsin – Madison to pursue a Master's Degree in Wildlife Ecology with Dr. Donald Rusch (Unit Leader, U.S. Geological Survey Biological Research Division, Wisconsin Cooperative Wildlife Research Unit) studying the history and ecology of Canada Geese wintering near Rock Prairie, WI. After completing his Master's Degree (1975), Scott went directly into a PhD program with Donald Rusch studying the distribution and

migration of Canada Geese associated with Horicon Marsh, WI. During his PhD research, Scott captured and secured neck collars on more than 1,000 Canada Geese at Horicon March during the time of the “Goose Wars”. Scott completed his PhD in 1978.

Leadership in Conservation Related Functions:

After completing his doctorate, Scott worked as a wildlife biologist with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service stationed in Madison for 6 months prior to being hired on January 1, 1979 as an Assistant Professor and Extension Wildlife Specialist in the Department of Wildlife Ecology. Scott was hired with a 3-way split appointment in extension, research, and teaching. The percentages varied over the years as administrative time was added when he served as the Department Chair from 2000-2007.

Extension:

Scott has had and continues to have a tremendous impact on the citizenry of Wisconsin through his 39 + years (and counting) of Extension work. When Scott was hired he “inherited” some Extension responsibilities (e.g. wildlife damage, 4-H programming, and radio work) from Dr. Robert Ellarson, a legend among Wildlife Specialist ranks and a 1996 inductee into the Wisconsin Conservation Hall of Fame. Other program areas were determined by needs within the state and by splitting programs with his long-time specialist colleague, Dr. Robert Ruff.

Scott’s Extension programs generally emphasized, but were not limited to, wildlife damage/nuisance control, woodland and urban wildlife management, wildlife appreciation and awareness, and wildlife-related recreation. His audience ranged from youth to adult learners, landowners, professional groups, and the “general public”. He provided representation on countless committees, consultation (via telephone, email, or in person) to clientele (individuals and groups; all levels of government, non-government organizations, and private citizens) and provided support to county Extension agents with unique or challenging questions from clients.

Scott successfully utilized a variety of tools to reach Wisconsin citizens and further the Wisconsin Idea, including an extensive set of over 40 UW–Extension bulletins ranging from fact-sheets to 40-50 page handbooks, hundreds of public lectures, workshops, displays at large events like Farm Technology Days, and mass media (newspaper, television, radio).

Scott’s Extension programs have exemplified the ideal of the UWEX system in terms of providing national leadership, obtaining maximum impact and outreach, integrating the mission of a land-grant university by providing research-based extension and teaching, and by furthering the Wisconsin Idea.

The following are examples of five program areas Scott has had a significant impact on and emphasize state-wide, inter-state and national conservation significance.

Wisconsin Public Radio

If you ask Scott, he will quickly tell you that public radio has had (and still has) the most impact on his ability to reach Wisconsin residents. Scott replaced Bob Ellarson on the popular “Wonderful World of Nature” program on Wisconsin School of the Air. It was offered for 14 years until Wisconsin Public Radio (WPR) changed their educational format in 1993. The series of (30) 15-minute weekly programs and the companion Teacher’s Manuals were distributed to hundreds of 4th, 5th and 6th grade classes in Wisconsin as well as the general WPR audience. It gave Scott immediate credibility and identity throughout the state. At the same time, he averaged at least (1), 3-minute “Ag Facts” recording each week with Larry Meiller and his team in Agricultural Journalism. These recordings were widely used by commercial radio (approximately 100 stations). By the mid-1990’s, both Ag Facts and the Wonderful World of Nature were discontinued, but Scott continued to do interviews on the Wisconsin Farm Network.

For more than 20 years, Scott has been one of the most popular guests on WPR. He has worked with several hosts, but primarily Larry Meiller. Together they have conducted over (200) 90-minute live, call-in shows about Wisconsin Wildlife. The radio program is extremely popular with the listeners as Scott fields an unbelievable variety of questions about wildlife and nature. One minute he’s asked to identify a bird sound by a word description, the next minute he’s telling a distraught listener how to rid her garden of woodchucks. In any given show he’s likely to tackle some 30 different topics and he’s able to answer them with good humor and wisdom. Scott makes a concerted effort to incorporate timely and coordinated messages on pressing conservation issues when he is on the air. These monthly shows reach over 100,000 listeners and continue today.

Youth Conservation Education

Youth Education has always been an important component of Scott’s Extension programming. He has served on numerous 4-H state committees and promoted wildlife and natural resource conservation through 4-H project materials, leader training, and tours and programs at Camp Upham Woods (now the Upham Woods Environmental Education Center) and other locations. Scott has served on the Upham Woods Advisory Committee and various subcommittees for 30+ years and has been a trusted adviser to many camp directors.

During Scott’s travels throughout the state to teach leader training sessions and 4-H workshops, he developed relationships with local county 4-H agents. His knowledge of county 4-H programs enabled him to identify counties for successful launching of new program ideas. He participated in developing and implementing the NatureSpace 4-H project curriculum. In 1983, he led a team that brought 4-H Shooting Sports to Wisconsin and administered the shooting sports project in Wisconsin, including leader training and state competitions. Because of this program’s increasing size and popularity, it became the responsibility of the Department of Youth Development. Shooting Sports is one of the largest programs in Wisconsin 4-H, reaching over 5,000 youth each year. In the 1990’s, he brought the National 4-H Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Program contest to Wisconsin and provided leadership. In recognition of his dedication to sharing his knowledge of wildlife ecology and the broader area of natural sciences, Scott was inducted into the *Wisconsin 4-H Hall of Fame* in 2017.

Beyond 4-H, Scott started the Future Farmers of America (FFA) State Wildlife contest, taught (2) 1-week sessions of College for Kids each summer and presented various wildlife programs at local schools and for Boy and Girl Scouts. As mentioned earlier, Scott presented “The Wonderful World of Nature” on Wisconsin Public Radio for fourteen years. The popular program reached 4-6th grade classrooms throughout the state.

Wildlife Damage Management

When Scott began his career, animal damage control (ADC) (now referred to as Wildlife Damage Management) was not a key program in Extension. That quickly changed, and continues today, with an increase in human-wildlife interactions. These interactions led to concerns about damage or nuisance and are likely the number one area of wildlife Extension work across the country. Scott very much enjoys helping people solve wildlife problems, whether it be a skunk under the deck, moles in the lawn, or bats in the attic. His sustained work in the area of wildlife damage management provided a very positive relationship with his clients and support for his programs. As the animal damage program evolved, Scott found himself in a leadership role in Wisconsin and later in the United States. At the peak of Scott’s career, he was handling 1,500-2,000 requests for assistance per year. He authored or co-authored several dozen fact sheets and bulletins on the most common species at the heart of human-wildlife conflict. There was no one else to contact.

In 1980, Scott was appointed to the Wisconsin legislative study committee on wildlife damage which ultimately led to the creation of the Wisconsin Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims Program, a program Scott ran with graduate students for 3 years before the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources added staff to run it. The program continues today, providing abatement assistance and reimbursement to Wisconsin’s farmers for damage caused by white-tailed deer, elk, black bear, Canada geese, and wild turkeys and has an annual expenditure of over \$1 million and is now over 20 years old.

Scott also worked with University of Wisconsin Specialists and the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (WDATCP) to offer Pesticide Applicator Training several times a year across Wisconsin. In the mid-1980’s USDA’s Wildlife Services (WS) division opened an office in Wisconsin, which started a long and productive collaboration between Scott and USDA-WS in Wisconsin and across the country. Scott helped host the Eastern U.S. Wildlife Damage Conference in Madison in 1985 and has been on the planning committee for that conference and/or attended it every other year since 1985. Scott also regularly attended the International Vertebrate Pest Conference held in California and has been active with those colleagues presenting papers and one keynote address. In 1990, Scott became a charter and founding member of The Wildlife Society’s (TWS) Wildlife Damage Management (WDM) Working Group. He served on the Board twice and as President for a 2-year term. The WDM Working Group is the largest and most active of TWS’s 20+ working groups.

In the Department of Forest & Wildlife Ecology at UW – Madison, Scott helped develop the 3-credit course, “Wildlife Damage Management” taught by Dr. David Drake (Wildlife Extension Specialist) with assistance from USDA Wildlife Service and Wisconsin DNR personnel. Scott still provides 1-2 guest lectures for the course. He has also assisted Dr. Drake with revising

some of his original wildlife damage bulletins in partnership with USDA Wildlife Services and the Wisconsin DNR. The revised fact-sheets are now available as printable PDF documents on the Wildlife Ecology & Damage Management website: <http://wildlifedamage.uwex.edu/>.

Private Landowner Outreach and Engagement

While wildlife is a public resource, much of the landscape in Wisconsin includes private lands. Recognizing the importance of well-managed private lands, Scott has left a lasting mark on Wisconsin's landscape with his ongoing work with landowners to improve wildlife habitat on private lands. Perhaps the most well-known work in this area is the Wisconsin Coverts Project. Scott was instrumental in starting the program in 1994 and he has played a critical role in each of the 28 traditional workshops and three Coverts Project reunions. To date, 710 Coverts Cooperators (representing 600 properties) have attended the Wisconsin Coverts Project. They own or are responsible for managing 522,415 acres in Wisconsin (and the Midwest). Coverts Cooperators have reached out to more than 11,000 additional landowners in the state accounting for an estimated 507,000 acres in Wisconsin and neighboring states. The total land base impacted through 23 years of the program is estimated at over 1 million acres.

Scott has a real gift for being able to relate to people and to present technical information in an easy to comprehend manner, often with humor. Workshop evaluations from the Coverts Project, often contain comments from participants like, "I could listen to Scott Craven talk all day".

Besides the Wisconsin Coverts Project, Scott was/is often asked to speak about any number of wildlife-related topics to landowner audiences for groups such as the Wisconsin Woodland Owner Association, Master Woodland Stewards, Master Gardeners, homeowner associations, etc.

Hunting Awareness and Conservation Education

While Scott has had a tremendously successful and productive career, he is most proud of the development and evolution of the Wisconsin Student Hunter Project. In the early 1990's few of the Department of Wildlife Ecology's wildlife majors were hunters or knew anything about hunting. Scott and others felt it was imperative that future natural resource managers understand the motivations and passion behind hunting, its role in conservation, and its history in the U.S. Scott, along with Donald and Doris Rusch, Charlie Kilian (WDNR) and Carl Batha (WDNR), created a program for non-hunters to do just that. It has been successful beyond anyone's wildest imagination. Since 1993, the course, (each of which includes about 45 contact hours, and two field days), has been offered 13 times to over 300 students. *The Wisconsin Student Hunter Project received national recognition from the Wildlife Management Institute in 1995 as the recipient of the President's Award (now named the George Bird Grinnell award).* Scott and the Wisconsin team provided videos and "how to" manuals to campuses across North America and many other clones were started.

In 2004, interest and need from state and federal agencies led to the creation of a national hunting awareness and conservation program called Conservation Leaders for Tomorrow (CLfT), modeled after the Wisconsin Student Hunter Project. With a million dollar plus annual

budget, more than 100 CLfT workshops to date have served 1,500 participants. They represent more than 50 universities and 43 state and federal agencies, and come from diverse career paths (biological, legal, marketing, legislative, education, administrative, communications and law enforcement). Graduates of CLfT workshops leave with a high degree of understanding of hunting, the complexity of hunting cultures, and an awareness of how to better engage the hunting constituency as they make policy and management decisions. Scott was on the design team for “CLfT”, has served on the National CLfT Advisory Committee, and has served as a national instructor, teaching 4-5 weeklong workshops since the program’s inception in 2004.

Formal Teaching:

Scott has been teaching future natural resource professionals in the formal classroom and through hands-on field courses since the 1970’s, and continues to provide guest lectures today. During his time in the Department of Forest & Wildlife Ecology, Scott was responsible for a core, 3-credit course in Mammalogy (1980-1991), which morphed into a 5-credit natural history course. Today, this is a 3-credit course, Terrestrial Vertebrates: Their Life History and Ecology (1991-2009) with 3 lectures and a lab section each week as well as required field trips. Enrollment averaged 50-60 students. Scott also served as the coordinator for Wildlife Ecology 961: Graduate Seminar from 1980-1992. Scott also taught, Department and Career Orientation (0-1 credit, now called Orientation to Wildlife Ecology) from 2001 until his retirement; however, he continues to guest lecture in this course on an annual basis. The course is designed to introduce students, new to the Wildlife Ecology major, about the keys to being successful in both the Department and in their future natural resource careers. Over a span of 25 years, Scott had a variable 5-50% role for teaching “Wildlife Management on the Farm” as part of the UW’s Farm and Industry Short Course (FISC).

In 1999, while serving as Interim Superintendent of Kemp Natural Resources Station in Woodruff (along with his “regular” appointment), Scott started and continues assisting with what has become an every-other-spring, two-week summer field course at Kemp Station for wildlife ecology majors. The two-credit, intensive, field course provides critical hands-on experience to undergrads on methods used to inventory and monitor wildlife, group work and developing a written management plan. In addition to providing lectures and sharing his local knowledge of Kemp Station, Scott prepares all of the meals, often for 30 plus people, for the entire two-week course. Scott has been integral to the development and continuation of this vital experiential course.

Because of his expertise in wildlife damage and human interactions, Scott provided annual guest lectures for courses in the Wildlife Ecology, Zoology, Plant Pathology, Animal Science, Chemistry, Horticulture, and Veterinary Science departments.

Mentoring:

Scott has always enjoyed his many and varied interactions with students and opportunities to mentor future and existing natural resource professionals. At one point in the 1980’s, as the Wildlife Ecology program enrollment exceeded 200, he had 58 advisees in a single semester.

Scott R. Craven

He helped with career and major fairs on campus, met with families of prospective students, and lectured in freshman seminars. In addition to the students Scott impacted through the courses he taught, he also supervised and mentored more than 100 students through coordinated internships and independent study research projects in the Department of Forest & Wildlife Ecology. As an undergraduate advisor and professor, Scott knew many of the wildlife ecology undergraduates and has provided hundreds of letters and reference for jobs and graduate schools.

Scott formed the UW-Madison Student Chapter of The Wildlife Society in 1996 and served as the chapter's advisor until 2010. Under his guidance the student chapter held an annual game dinner fundraiser, brought in guest speakers, participated in the national TWS Quiz Bowl, and attended field trips to observe natural history events or experience management activities like prairie burns.

In addition to mentoring students in the Department, he has been a valued mentor to many natural resource professionals in the state as well as Extension Wildlife Specialists around the country. He always makes time to share his wealth of experience and to provide advice to those getting started in their careers.

Conservation-oriented Research:

In addition to his Extension and teaching appointment, Scott was able to secure funding for and advise 1-2 graduate students per year through most of his career. Graduate projects always dealt with applied problems that fit nicely into his Extension programs, especially wildlife damage. Scott was the Principal Investigator for 9 M.S and Ph.D. students and served on the graduate committees of 25-30 M.S. and Ph.D. candidates in Wildlife Ecology and other departments in the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences. Scott conducted additional research with the assistance of undergraduates, project specialists, and Wisconsin DNR collaborators.

Please see Scott's Curriculum Vitae for a listing of his graduate students and their thesis topics.

Conservation-oriented Service:

Scott, has served on well over 100 committees at the Department, College, University, State, Regional and National level over the years, some of which involved chairmanship and/or long-standing (5+ years) service. Below are a few that highlight service with a conservation focus.

- Substantial involvement with the Wildlife Society (detailed below).
- At the state level, Scott served on or chaired countless committees for the Wisconsin DNR and the Natural Resources Board.
- In the community, he has helped Madison with a variety of urban wildlife concerns (e.g. geese, coyotes, and deer).
- Provided on average, 5-6 journal reviews per year, 3-4 external reviews for tenure and promotion cases on other campuses per year and letters of reference for colleagues on campus and around the country.
- Long-time curator of the Department's museum, now named the "S.R. Craven Wildlife Teaching Collection" in his honor.

- 25-year term as Chair of the UW – Madison Campus Museums committee.
- National Advisory Committee, Conservation Leaders for Tomorrow (2004 to present).
- Dane County Conservation League, emcees annual banquet.

Leadership in Conservation-related Organizations:

Scott has been an active member of The Wildlife Society (TWS) since the mid-1970s. Founded in 1937, TWS is an international organization committed to addressing national and international issues that affect the current and future status of wildlife in North America and throughout the world. Their nearly 10,000 members include natural resource professional, students and supporters. Scott's long-standing involvement and leadership with The Wildlife Society is bulleted below.

- National, North-Central Section and Wisconsin State Chapter of TWS member.
- Regularly attended and continues to attend the annual conference for the Wisconsin State Chapter of TWS and the Annual Conference of the TWS (national).
- Attended TWS International Congress' in Costa Rica (1993) and New Zealand (2003).
- Unprecedented, two-time president of the Wisconsin State Chapter
 - During retirement, 2014 President (2013 President-elect, 2015 Past-president)
 - 1983 President (1982 President-elect)
- 2013 Planning Committee member, Annual Conference of The Wildlife Society, Milwaukee, WI.
- 2011 Planning Committee member for the 75th Anniversary of The Wildlife Society.
- 2005 Planning Committee Co-Chair, Annual Conference of The Wildlife Society, Madison WI.
- 1998-2000 Chair, Wildlife Damage Management Working Group, The Wildlife Society
- 1993 President, North-Central Section of The Wildlife Society (1992 President –elect).
- Formed the student chapter of The Wildlife Society at University of Wisconsin – Madison in 1996 and served as the chapter's advisor from its inception to 2010.
- Served as a reviewer for the society's journals.
- Served on two technical review committees as well as numerous other committees at the state, section and national level.

In 2002, The Wisconsin Chapter of The Wildlife Society presented Scott with the Wisconsin Award. The award is the chapter's highest recognition of a person or group that exemplifies the wildlife profession in the state.

In 2005, The Wildlife Society recognized Scott Craven as a TWS Fellow for his contributions to the Society and the wildlife profession as a whole. TWS annually recognizes a small number of outstanding members who have "distinguished themselves through exceptional service" to the profession and have been members of the society for at least 10 years.

Sustained and Outstanding Contributions to Conservation:

While Scott is officially retired, you wouldn't know it. Retirement is perhaps the one thing he has not perfected. Upon "retirement" and further demonstrating a life-long commitment to conservation in Wisconsin and beyond, Scott is currently involved with the following:

- Regular guest on Wisconsin Public Radio (6 programs/year)
- Conservation Leaders for Tomorrow
- Wisconsin Coverts Project
- UW-Madison, Wildlife Ecology summer field course
- Guest lecturer in a number of Department of Forest & Wildlife Ecology courses (e.g. Orientation to Wildlife Ecology, Living with Wildlife, Wildlife Damage Management)
- Co-authored the wildlife chapter, "Chapter 4: Wisconsin's Wildlife – From Hummingbirds to Black Bears" as part of the Wisconsin Master Naturalist program's curriculum (2013).
- Northwoods Land Trust, Board of Directors (2011-2013)
- Natural Resources Foundation of Wisconsin, Board Member
- Organizes and lead tours for the Natural Resources Foundation of Wisconsin's annual field trips (e.g. 2017 Tour of the USGS National Wildlife Health Center; 2016 Bass in Northern Lakes: Pontoon, Fishing & Fry; 2015 Small Mammals of Northern Wisconsin)
- Co-led field trips for the Natural Resources Foundation and/or Paul Regnier with Door County Tours to the Florida Everglades, Isle Royale, and Yellowstone National Park (upcoming)
- Wisconsin DNR County Deer Advisory Council Committee member (Forestry representative for Dane County, 2017-present)
- Cochrane Lake Management District, President

Publications and Presentations:

Scott has authored or co-authored well over 60 technical, 30 popular, and 25 peer-reviewed research publications. Please see Scott's Curriculum Vitae (updated through the late 1990's) for a list of publications.

Publication awards:

Barquest, G., S. R. Craven and R. S. Ellarson. 1981 (revised 1990). *Shelves, houses and feeders for birds and squirrels*. University of Wisconsin Extension, Madison, WI. No. NCR338. 48pp. <https://learningstore.uwex.edu/Assets/pdfs/NCR338.pdf>

Blue Ribbon, American Society of Agricultural Engineers, new publication, "*Shelves, Houses, and Feeders for Birds and Squirrels*."

DeStefano, S., R. L. Ruff and S. R. Craven. 1989 (revised 2014). *A grouse in the hand: tips for examining, aging and sexing ruffed grouse*. University of Wisconsin Extension, Madison, WI. G3227. 12pp.

Blue Pencil Award, National Association of Government Communicators, “*A Grouse in the Hand*”.

2nd place public service award, Madison Advertising Federation, “*A Grouse in the Hand*”.

The following is a short list of examples of a few of Scott’s extension publications along with a link to a pdf file.

Craven, S. and D. Drake. 2012. *An introduction to wildlife damage management: keys to success*. University of Wisconsin Extension, Madison, WI. G3997-002. 8pp.
<https://learningstore.uwex.edu/Assets/pdfs/G3997-002.pdf>

Craven, S. and D. Drake. 2012. *Woodpecker Ecology and Damage Management*. University of Wisconsin Extension, Madison, WI. G3997-008. 8pp.
<https://learningstore.uwex.edu/Assets/pdfs/G3997-008.pdf>

*revised version of S. Craven. 1981. Controlling woodpecker damage.

Drake, D., S. Craven and J. Nack. 2010. *Birding in the badger state and beyond: how to get started*. University of Wisconsin Extension, Madison, WI. G3892. 16pp.
<https://learningstore.uwex.edu/Assets/pdfs/G3892.pdf>

Craven, S. R., P. J. Pellitteri, and M. J. Renz. 1993 (revised 2010). *Outdoor hazards in Wisconsin: a guide to insects, plants, and wildlife*. University of Wisconsin Extension, Madison, WI. G3564. 36pp.
<https://learningstore.uwex.edu/Assets/pdfs/G3564.pdf>

Craven, S., D. Drake and J. Nack. 1983 (revised 2008). *Bird feeding: tips for beginners and veterans*. University of Wisconsin Extension, Madison, WI. G3176. 12pp.
<https://learningstore.uwex.edu/Assets/pdfs/G3176.pdf>

DeStefano, S., S. R. Craven, R. L. Ruff, D. F. Covell and J. F. Kubisiak. 1994 (revised 2001). *A landowner’s guide to woodland wildlife management: with emphasis on the ruffed grouse*. University of Wisconsin Extension, Madison, WI. G3578. 56pp.
<https://learningstore.uwex.edu/Assets/pdfs/G3578.pdf>

Craven, S. and D. Buege. 1979 (revised 1999). *So You Got a Deer*. University of Wisconsin Extension, Madison, WI. G1598. 6pp.
<https://learningstore.uwex.edu/Assets/pdfs/G1598.pdf>

Craven, S. and R. Ellarson. 1994. *Landscape plants that attract birds*. University of Wisconsin Extension, Madison, WI. G1609. 9pp.
<https://learningstore.uwex.edu/Assets/pdfs/G1609.pdf>

Mennes, M.E. and S.R. Craven. 1992. *Wisconsin's wild game: enjoying the harvest*. University of Wisconsin Extension, Madison, WI. B3573. 33pp.

https://foodsafety.wisc.edu/assets/pdf_Files/WI_Wild_Game_Enjoying_the_Harvest.pdf

Moser, T. J., S. R. Craven, and B. K. Miller. 1991. *Canada geese in the Mississippi flyway: a guide for goose hunters and goose watchers*. University of Wisconsin Extension, Madison, WI. G3507. 24pp.

<https://www.extension.purdue.edu/extmedia/FNR/FNR-129.pdf>

Honors and Awards:

By no means is this a complete list, but rather a sampling of some of the more prestigious awards Scott has received recognizing his contributions in extension, teaching, advising, and service. The following awards represent achievements at the university, state, and national level.

- 2017 Inducted into the *Wisconsin 4-H Hall of Fame*.
- 2007 *Career Award*, UW Colleges and UW-Extension Chancellor's Award recognizing employees who have made outstanding and significant program, administrative or support contributions for more than a decade.
- 2007 Partner appreciation award, USDA – Wildlife Services.
- 2006 *Stewardship Award*, The Ruffed Grouse Society.
- 2006 *Lake-City (Madison) Hero Award*, Madison Convention and Visitors Bureau.
- 2005 *TWS Fellow presented by The Wildlife Society*, recognizes a small number of members who have distinguished themselves through exceptional service to the wildlife profession.
- 2003 *Hometown Hero Award*, Madison Convention and Visitors Bureau.
- 2003 *Honorary FFA degree*, State of Wisconsin FFA.
- 2002 *Peterson Technology Transfer Award*, Farm Progress Days Committee.
- 2002 *Profession Award & Merit*, The Wildlife Society, North Central Section.
- 2002 *The Wisconsin Award*, presented by the Wisconsin Chapter of The Wildlife Society, is the chapter's highest recognition of a person or group that exemplifies the wildlife profession in the state.
- 2001 *Service Award*, UW Agricultural Research Stations.
- 1997 *Spitzer Excellence in Teaching Award* presented by the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences, UW – Madison.

Scott R. Craven

- 1995 *President's Award*, presented by the Wildlife Management Institute, to the Wisconsin Student Hunting Project.
- 1995 *Meritorious Service Award* presented by the Wisconsin Association of UW Extension 4-H Agents.
- 1993 *Advisor Award of Merit* for outstanding student advising, College of Agricultural and Life Sciences, UW – Madison.
- 1992 *Wisconsin Idea Award* presented by the Center for Resource Policy Studies, School of Natural Resources, College of Agricultural and Life Sciences, UW – Madison.
- 1987 *Pound Extension Award for Outstanding Service* as an Extension Specialist, College of Agricultural and Life Sciences, UW – Madison.
- 1985 *Aldo Leopold Award* for outstanding contributions to 4H programs in Wisconsin, 4H Natural Sciences Committee.

Nominee's Legacy:

Scott Craven is an ambassador for Wisconsin's wildlife, with a gift for sharing his knowledge and enthusiasm for Wisconsin's natural resources. Scott's legacy is in the number of people he has introduced to the "wonderful world of wildlife". He is a gifted speaker with a unique way of captivating his audience with facts, stories and humor. With all of Wisconsin as his classroom, Scott has introduced youth and adults alike to our state's wildlife resource and continues to serve as a valuable resource for current and aspiring natural resource students and professionals.

With his historical knowledge, nearly four decades of experience, a well-developed network of colleagues, Scott is the quintessential wildlife figure in Wisconsin. He is known and respected in virtually every corner of the state.

Articles about Scott Craven and his work:

1. Wisconsin State Journal, October 29, 2011, “Outdoors: Craven still has the answers” by Tim Eisele and Jerry Davis.

http://host.madison.com/sports/recreation/outdoors/outdoors-craven-still-has-the-answers/article_6dce9a70-01cf-11e1-801c-001cc4c002e0.html

2. Wisconsin State Journal, October 3, 2011, “What I do: Aldo Leopold inspired Scott Craven to become wildlife specialist” by Steve Apps

http://host.madison.com/wsj/business/what-i-do-aldo-leopold-inspired-scott-craven-to-become/article_d8736e72-ee02-11e0-88af-001cc4c03286.html

3. Wisconsin State Journal, April 15, 2018. “Wisconsin program includes hunting in education of future natural resources leaders” by Paul Smith.

<https://www.jsonline.com/story/sports/columnists/paul-smith/2018/04/13/smith-wisconsin-program-includes-hunting-education-future-natural-resources-leaders/479460002/>

Examples of recent outreach programs:

Wisconsin Public Radio, The Larry Meiller Show, programs

<https://www.wpr.org/people/scott-craven>

Professor Emeritus Scott R. Craven, “Small and Often Overlooked Mammals of Wisconsin” presented at the Aldo Leopold Audubon Society’s program, February 17, 2016 in Stevens Point, WI.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SkYvqOWMNbM>

Science on Tap – Minocqua is a partnership among the University of Wisconsin-Madison’s Trout Lake Station and Kemp Natural Resources Station, as well as the Wisconsin Alumni Association: Lakeland Badger Chapter and the Minocqua Public Library. “Wildlife in Wisconsin” April 5, 2017 Minocqua Brewing Company.

Short clip: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kCV2G3aia88&feature=youtu.be>

Full length: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qycKXojVCXY&feature=youtu.be>