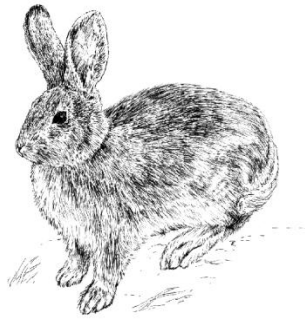


# TWENTY-FOURTH VERTEBRATE PEST CONFERENCE



## INVITATION TO ATTEND

You are cordially invited to attend and participate in the Twenty-Fourth Vertebrate Pest Conference. This Conference is an educational event for discussing and exchanging information on human-wildlife conflicts.

The Vertebrate Pest Conference, which is held every two years, is the largest and most recognized Conference of its kind. Participants and attendees include leading authorities on vertebrate pest management from the United States, Canada, and throughout the world. All papers are presented in English.

## LOCATION AND DATES

The Conference will be held 22 to 25 February 2010 at the Holiday Inn Sacramento–Capitol Plaza. The hotel is located within easy walking distance to historic Old Sacramento, which includes tourist activities, excellent dining, and captures the historic atmosphere of California's Gold Rush era. The hotel is adjacent to the Sacramento Capitol Mall and many historic state buildings, including the State Capitol. It is only 10 miles from Sacramento International Airport. More information about the hotel can be found at:

<http://holidayinn.sacramento.ihotelsgroup.com>

## PROGRAM

A preliminary program for the Conference will be mailed to you in November 2009. If you are not on the mailing list for this Conference, contact Terry Salmon at (858) 694-2864 or email: <tpsalm@ucdavis.edu>. For additional information on the Conference as it develops, refer to the VPC web site: <http://www.vpconference.org>

Simultaneous (concurrent) sessions will be held at the Conference to maximize information exchange to satisfy all interests in vertebrate pest management (i.e., birds, rodents, predators, etc.). Presentations range from practical management to more technical papers concerning research or new technology.

### PROGRAM SCHEDULE

#### **Monday, February 22, 2010**

Field Trip - Vertebrate pest management

#### **Tuesday, February 23, 2010**

Registration

Keynote Address, and Plenary Session

General and Concurrent Sessions

#### **Wednesday, February 24, 2010**

General and Concurrent Sessions

#### **Thursday, February 25, 2010**

General and Concurrent Sessions

Closing Remarks

## **REGISTRATION FEE**

The pre-registration fee of the four-day self-supporting Conference is expected to be about \$300. This fee will include a copy of the *Proceedings*, which is published following the Conference and provides a collection of papers while the subjects are still fresh in mind.

## **FIELD TRIP**

The optional Conference field trip on February 22 will explore human-wildlife conflicts unique to this region of California. It will provide you a first-hand opportunity to see wildlife damage as well as management efforts in progress. This will be an all-day event. The field trip fee will include motor coach transportation and lunch.

## **CALL FOR PAPERS**

This call for papers is an effort to attract a wide array of potential contributors. Papers can be of a practical nature or more technically or research oriented. Contributed papers will be accepted in (but not limited to) the following vertebrate pest categories:

- Urban wildlife management – (workshop)
- Food safety and vertebrate pests (workshop)
- Hazards associated with vertebrate pest control
- Commensal rodent management
- Field rodent and rabbit management
- Bird management (urban or agricultural)
- Predator problems and their management
- Invasive vertebrate species management
- Vertebrate pesticides—benefits and risks
- Wildlife and reforestation problems
- New wildlife management techniques
- Human, domestic animal and wildlife health
- Alternative management methods and materials (Repellents, contraceptives, exclusion, etc.)
- T&E species and vertebrate pest management
- Economic, social, and political aspects of vertebrate pest management

### **Format for abstracts:**

Submit the abstract formatted as a single paragraph preceded by the title, authors' names, and affiliations. Following the abstract, identify the contact person by name, mailing address, telephone number, and email address. Please indicate if this is a student presentation. Your presentation may describe work currently in progress.

Format the page as follows:

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Email a copy of the Abstract as a MS Word attachment by June 15, 2009 to:

**<tpsalm@ucdavis.edu>**

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Contributed papers will be selected by the Vertebrate Pest Council on the basis of scientific merit, newness, uniqueness of topic, usefulness, and appropriateness for the overall Conference program and its objectives. Abstracts received after June 15, 2009 will be considered if space is available.

All speakers are expected to submit a manuscript, both in electronic and hard copy format, which is due at the time of the Conference. All manuscripts will be peer edited and published in the Conference *Proceedings*.

## **COMMERCIAL EXHIBITS**

Space is available for exhibits of commercial products and services. For information contact:

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## **PROFESSIONAL INTERESTS OF PARTICIPANTS**

The Conference makes significant contributions toward understanding and resolving undesirable wildlife-human interactions and wildlife damage problems, promoting better management methodology, and minimizing adverse environmental and ecological effects. Vertebrate pest management is applied ecology with improved agricultural, public health and conservation of natural and human-made resources the primary goals. The Conference is a forum for sharing knowledge and experiences among researchers, administrators, extension personnel, educators, and practitioners in vertebrate pest management and wildlife damage problems.

Participants vary in professional background, but all have one common interest - wildlife as vertebrate pests. The following are representative of past attendees:

- Animal control officials and personnel
- Private and commercial pesticide applicators
- Consultants in vertebrate pest problems
- Manufacturers and suppliers of vertebrate pest materials
- Health department officials and employees
- Agriculturists interested in predation and disease transmission reduction
- Extension specialists, advisors, and agents
- Foresters
- Wildlife departments (wildlife managers and enforcement agents)
- Pest control advisors (PCAs)
- US Food & Drug Administration officials and personnel
- Sanitarians
- Food processing and warehouse managers
- Educators - pest control subjects
- Researchers - (public agencies and private sector)
- Pesticide registration and enforcement officials and personnel
- Natural resource managers (conservationists)
- Nuisance wildlife control operators

## **CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS**

California Continuing Education (CE) credits for Pest Control Professionals (PCA, QAC, etc) are anticipated. CE credit for other programs may also be available.

## **SHARE WITH A COLLEAGUE**

If you have no interest in attending this Conference, we hope you will pass this information along to someone who may have an interest in the field of managing human-wildlife conflicts.

If you are not currently on our mailing list and would like to receive future announcements, please send your name and address, including email (if available) to:

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