

Quail 8 Set for Knoxville, TN in July 2017

The Eighth National Quail Symposium – expected to draw more than 200 quail experts, researchers, policy-makers and natural resource managers from state, federal and institutional entities from around the U.S., Canada, Latin America and Europe – is scheduled for July 24-29, 2017 in Knoxville, Tennessee.

Hosted by the University of Tennessee and the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency, Quail 8 will feature the latest quail research findings, including plenary lectures, contributed presentations and peer-reviewed proceedings, and will feature on-the-ground results of bobwhite response to management. The scientific conference convenes every five years and is the world's largest meeting of quail professionals.

The Quail 8 peer-reviewed proceedings containing 80 abstracts and manuscripts will be distributed at the meeting, with a team of 13 associate editors from the Gulf Coast Joint Venture/U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Oklahoma State University, Tall Timbers Research Station & Land Conservancy, Tennessee Wildlife Resource Agency, Texas A&M University, Texas Tech University, The Ohio State University, University of Delaware, University of Georgia, University of Nebraska/U.S. Geological Survey, and NBCI.

Quail 8 covers bobwhites and western quails, south to Mexico, including the endangered masked bobwhite, *Colinus virginianus ridgwayi*. Strong participation from western quail biologists is anticipated following approval in July 2016 by the Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies of the Quail Symposia Series as a sanctioned technical workshop.

The preliminary technical program is on NBCI's technical web site <https://www.quailcount.org/quail8/home.html>, highlighted by concluding remarks by Frank R. Thompson, PhD, Research Wildlife Biologist, United States Forest Service, Northern Research Station,

Columbia, Missouri. Dr. Thompson's research focus is on avian ecology and conservation with emphasis on early successional and forest song birds and gamebirds. Dr. Thompson has published over 200 journal articles and co-edited books on wildlife conservation. He is an avid upland bird hunter, and he and his wife raise English Setters.

For more information on previous national quail symposia, please visit <http://goo.gl/p3LLut>.

