

BRUCE DUGGER

Associate Professor of Wildlife & Associate Department Head

I grew up in Huntington Beach, southern California, surf city USA. When not at the beach or in the pool, my family spent long periods during summer traveling the western US fishing and camping. I spent many a night tying flies only to subsequently lose them the next day to some meddlesome willow overhanging the river. At some point, must have been about junior high, I found myself spending more time looking at birds on the bank than worrying about the presentation of my fly on the water, and thus began my passion with birds. My graduate work was conducted at the University of Missouri, Columbia.

I conducted field work for my PhD in the former Soviet Union, and one of the many things I enjoy since is the opportunity for work related travel. I have traveled to 48 US states and all continents except Antarctica. My wife works in Antarctica each year studying penguins, so I at least get the occasional t-shirt!

Outside of work I have varied interests including sports, I have season tickets to OSU men's basketball, birding (my life list is around 1,500), bird hunting (I like to eat what I study), fishing, training retrievers, and anything to do with the ocean.



ADVISOR

Advising is most rewarding when spent talking to students about educational opportunities at OSU beyond coursework. Students need to recognize and take advantage of the vast array of fantastic research, conservation and educational experiences available within Fisheries and Wildlife.



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TEACHER

I teach; Principles of Fish and Wildlife Conservation, Ornithology, Wetland and Riparian Ecology, and Problem Solving in Fish and Wildlife

RESEARCHER

I am an avian ecologist who primarily conducts research on the ecology of water birds, particularly ducks, geese, and swans, often applying behavioral approaches to investigating conservation challenges.

Ongoing research with my students includes the science underlying conservation planning for geese and cranes, research on endangered Hawaiian Duck and Brazilian Merganser, impacts of sea level rise on estuarine ecosystems including migratory birds, and modeling linkages between birds and their habitats at various geographic and temporal scales.

