

Sample NENHC Presentation Information

[With annotations pointing out key formatting guidelines. Please use Times 10 pt font throughout.]

Preferred session: Wildlife Ecology in Northeastern Forests

[If your talk was solicited for a specific proposed session, please list proposed session title, otherwise provide keywords that best describe session theme(s) you feel are most appropriate for your oral or poster presentation]

Title: Effect of White-tailed Deer Browsing on Small-Mammal Populations

[Keep title reasonably short and succinct. Use title case—upper and lower cases—not all caps]

Presenter: John H. Smith (SUNY ESF, Syracuse, NY)

[Clearly indicate who is/are the presenter(s); full name comes first, followed by affiliation w/location in parentheses]

Co-authors: Larry Johnson (Cornell University, Ithaca, NY), Mary McGolly (NY Department of Environmental Conservation, Albany, NY), and Scott Sorsman (Cornell University, Ithaca, NY)

[List co-authors separately from the presenter(s), including full names followed by their affiliation w/location; separate each co-author by a comma, with an “and” before last co-author listed.]

Abstract – We conducted surveys of small-mammal populations conducted in plots with and without *Odocoileus virginianus* (White-tailed Deer) exclosure fences in 3 state parks. Our results revealed that the presence of deer is negatively correlated with small-mammal abundances. *Clethrionomys rutilus* (Northern Red-backed Vole), *Blarina brevicauda* (Northern Short-tailed Shrew), and *Sylvilagus floridanus* (Eastern Cottontail) were all found in higher numbers in the exclosure fenced plots compared to the unfenced control plots. We propose that the significant ($P < 0.01$) relationships observed are due to the effect of deer browsing resulting in reduced cover in which small mammals can take refuge.

[Note that scientific names are italicized and common names are capitalized. Common names are listed in parentheses following the scientific name the first time the species is mentioned. After the first mention, either the common or scientific name can be used to refer to the species. Please format abstract text as a single paragraph that begins with the word “Abstract” followed by space-dash-space. Do not include any citation references in the abstract. For the sake of clarity, please use first person, active tense except in instances where its use would make a sentence more wordy, awkward, or unnecessarily complex.]