

Fish, Wildlife & Conservation Biology



Fish, Wildlife, and Conservation Biology students learn to think critically about environmental issues, and become ecologically literate citizens with the training to be successful in careers with natural resources agencies, environmental consulting firms, and non-government organizations as well as in graduate programs. A major focus is on lifelong learning that enables graduates to solve complex environmental problems and be good stewards of our nation's natural resources.

First-Destination Employers

- ◆ USDA Animal & Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS)- Wildlife Services (WS)
- ◆ USDA Forest Service
- ◆ Colorado Parks & Wildlife
- ◆ US Fish & Wildlife Service
- ◆ The Nature Conservancy
- ◆ Consultants such as GEI
- ◆ US National Park Service
- ◆ Sylvan Lake State Park
- ◆ Fossil Rim Wildlife Center
- ◆ Denver Zoo
- ◆ Brookhaven National Lab
- ◆ USDA - Agricultural Research Service

First-Destination Job Titles

- ◆ Biological Science Technician
- ◆ Field Research Assistant
- ◆ Wildlife Technician
- ◆ Fisheries Technician
- ◆ Lab Technician
- ◆ Aquatic Biologist
- ◆ Fisheries Ecologist
- ◆ District Wildlife Manager
- ◆ Park Ranger
- ◆ Natural Resource Manager
- ◆ Research Associate

Mid Level Positions

- *may require more experience or education
- ◆ Wildlife Biologist
 - ◆ Fisheries Biologist
 - ◆ Aquatic Scientist
 - ◆ Biological Scientist
 - ◆ Lab Manager
 - ◆ Policy & Planning Assistant
 - ◆ Director
 - ◆ Research Ecologist



Warner College of Natural Resources

98%
of students
are employed 5 years
AFTER GRADUATION

\$50K
is the avg. salary
of WCNR grads*

FACTORS 4 SUCCESS

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| 1 | Get An Internship | 3 | Work On Campus |
| Use Career Center Services | 2 | Acheive A 3.0 GPA | 4 |

TIPS FROM ALUMNI

“Solid communication skills are paramount.”

“Diversify your background with weed control, restoration, wildlife management, volunteer management, etc. Most of us are required to wear many hats.”

“Find people in your network who are doing what you want to do, and get the conversation going.”

“Tailor your resume to the job description.”

Fisheries/Wildlife Technicians

Activities may include: collecting data on wildlife and habitats under the supervision of a Wildlife or Fisheries Biologist, often spending many days and long hours in the field in remote areas with other time spent working in a lab or office environment.

Fish, Wildlife, and Conservation Biologists

Activities may include: gathering, analyzing, and interpreting data, and writing reports on aquatic and terrestrial wildlife and their habitats.

Areas of focus: behavior, disease, ecology, genetics, nutrition, population dynamics, physiology, land-use changes, pollution, human interactions, and policies designed to conserve wild species and improve the habitats upon which they depend.

* 5 years out