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Challenges and Opportunities in Nongame Wildlife Conservation

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Reception to follow

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About the Talk: Georgia is one of the most biologically diverse states in the nation, home to more than 1,000 species of conservation concern. The Wildlife Resources Division of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources has primary responsibility and authority for conservation of the state's native nongame species, including state- and federally-protected plants and animals. Goals for statewide efforts to conserve nongame wildlife are articulated in the State Wildlife Action Plan, which was developed in 2005 and revised in 2015. This plan, developed with input from representatives of over 100 organizations, provides a framework for prioritizing actions focused on proactive conservation of rare and declining wildlife species and their habitats. Significant challenges to nongame wildlife conservation include human population growth and resulting habitat loss, novel industries affecting rural areas, climate change, and invasive species. These challenges are being addressed by new initiatives focused on collaborative land protection and management, innovative tools for landscape analysis, and regional programs focused on conservation of at-risk species.

About the Speaker: Dr. Jonathan Ambrose is Chief of the Nongame Conservation Section of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Wildlife Resources Division. His primary duties include statewide coordination of research and resource management projects and implementation of the State Wildlife Action Plan. He also assists in environmental outreach, conservation planning, land protection, review of policy and legislation, and development of funding sources for wildlife conservation. Jon received a B.A. in Biology and M.S. in Ecology from the University of Tennessee and a Ph.D. in Ecology from the University of Georgia.

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