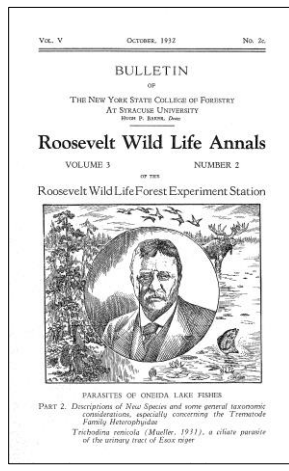


History of the Roosevelt Wild Life Station

at the SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry

Roosevelt Wild Life Station signed into law by NY Legislature on 10 May 1919 as memorial following Roosevelt's death. Station housed in Department of Zoology, Bray Hall (C.C. Adams, Director)



In 1937, The Wildlife Society was formed with Ralph T. King as its first President. TWS became the premier publisher of wildlife research in North America, playing a significant role in the decline of the Roosevelt publication series but greatly extending the Station's legacy.

Adirondack Ecological Center established at the Huntington Wildlife Forest

Rededication of RWLS presided over by Theodore Roosevelt IV and then Governor George Pataki. Private donations and state appropriations acquired to reactivate station (W.F. Porter, Director of Roosevelt Wild Life Station and Adirondack Ecological Center)

Major programmatic growth:

- \$3.4 million allocation from the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation for wildlife research and management support.
- \$2 million allocation from the NY State legislature to rehouse the Roosevelt Wild Life Collection in a spectacular new space in ESF's Gateway Center.
- Undertaking strategic planning process.

Proposal for Roosevelt Wild Life Station receives support of former President T. Roosevelt

Station publishes first Roosevelt Wild Life Annals (C.E. Johnson, Director)

Ralph T. King, Director

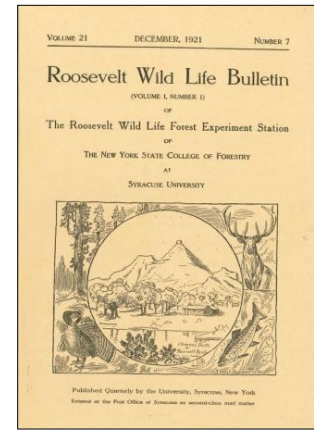
Last Station publication

Vertebrate collection named Roosevelt Wildlife Collection (M. Alexander, Director)

There is little record of Station activity from 1950 until rededication in 1999. Research activities largely concentrated at Huntington Wildlife Forest and developing AEC.

Honorary Advisory Council established
Rick C. Capozza, Chair

New York State College of Forestry at Syracuse University established (52 students, 2 faculty, 2 rooms in basement of Lyman Hall)



Station publishes first Roosevelt Wild Life Bulletin

Huntington Wildlife Forest donated to college

State University of New York system formed, College becomes SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry

Department of Zoology reorganized, moved to present location in Illick Hall

Department of Zoology merged into Faculty of Environmental and Forest Biology

1999-2010 45+ student internships supported by the Station at ESF's Adirondack Ecological Center

James Gibbs, Director
Jacqueline Frair, Associate Director

Proposal for Roosevelt Wild Life Station receives support of Boone & Crockett Club.

Bray Hall completed, serves as new home to the College

Until the late 1930s, Station research activities and Departmental instruction activities were administered via separate staffs and budgets. Initiation of a graduate student program required closer coordination of research and teaching, and the decision was made to merge Station and Departmental budgets and staff. This made the Station a less discrete entity of the college and ended the direct line of state funding to the Station.

In a letter dated 18 February 1972, Maurice Alexander indicated that his priorities upon being named Station Director and Department Chair in 1964 were to:

- 1) Rebuild the department on campus (which had suffered extensive losses to retirement and promotion to administration),
- 2) Reorganize the Huntington Wildlife Forest Station (leading to the Adirondack Ecological Center), and
- 3) Reactivate the Roosevelt Wild Life Station.

This letter made it clear that despite major growth in faculty and research programs, the Station *per se* had not been active since 1950, but was still very much on people's minds.

Wildlife Science and Conservation Biology becomes fastest growing academic focus of the University – in terms of undergraduate and graduate student enrollment and extramural research funding

