

JEFFREY M. KNETTER

GRADUATED FROM EDGAR HIGH SCHOOL IN 1993

After graduating from Edgar High School, Jeff attended the University of Wisconsin-Madison, where he earned both a Bachelor's Degree and Master's Degree in Wildlife Ecology. He has been employed by the Idaho Department of Fish and Game for over 11 years, first as Regional Wildlife Habitat Biologist in the northern Panhandle, and now as Upland Game and Migratory Bird Program Coordinator in Boise, Idaho. Prior to that, he coordinated a community-based conservation initiative called Farming and Conservation Together for the Aldo Leopold Foundation in Baraboo, Wisconsin. Jeff also worked for the University of Wisconsin Center for Limnology and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources in Madison, Wisconsin, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Kenmare, North Dakota.

Throughout his professional career, Jeff has been involved as a researcher, manager, leader, and mentor. In his current role he organizes, directs, and coordinates season-setting, monitoring, management, and research of upland game and migratory birds in Idaho and across the West. He collaborates with many agencies and organizations to expand their knowledge and capacity, and improve wildlife conservation delivery throughout North America. He represents the Idaho Department of Fish and Game on multi-agency and international committees. He was involved with the Wisconsin Student Hunter Project in Madison, Wisconsin, and currently serves as an instructor for the Conservation Leaders for Tomorrow, a national educational program for wildlife professionals and students. Jeff volunteers in both of his sons' classrooms and at a community garden, and also coaches baseball and soccer.

In 2006, Jeff received the Idaho Department of Fish and Game Outstanding

Achievement Award for Professionalism in Promoting Idaho's Wildlife Resources. Additionally, he has authored or co-authored multiple peer-reviewed publications and species management plans. Jeff has been a keynote speaker and guest lecturer for wildlife conferences, college courses, public programs, and workshops.

Jeff currently lives in Boise, Idaho, with his wife Sonya and sons Owen and Ian.