

Nashville, Tennessee will be the site of the 35th Natural Areas Conference at the Doubletree Hotel October 14-17, 2008. The 2008 Natural Areas Conference will be a joint conference of the Natural Areas Association (NAA) and the National Association of Exotic Pest Plant Councils (NAEPPC). The conference will kick-off the 30th anniversary celebration of the NAA, and will be an inaugural national conference for NAEPPC. The conference will focus on ecological management themes with an emphasis on invasive exotic species and the effects of climate change. The NAEPPC will bring its invasive species expertise to the conference and the two organizations will provide synergy in organizing an outstanding event. The plenary and concurrent sessions will address the conference theme "Tuning Into A Changing Climate And Biological Invasion." Field trips and workshops will provide training opportunities for participants. Join us for an informative and rewarding experience.

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**Call for
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Abstracts must be received no
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Each submitted abstract must include the following and carefully follow these guidelines:

1. Title - Complete title must be capitalized, including subtitle.
2. Author(s) – List the full first and last names of each author. Underline and list the presenting author first, and include his/her full contact and affiliation information below this number 2. Use superscripts to identify multiple authors with different affiliations (follow the format below). Do not use superscripts for single authors or multiples from the same affiliation. Separate multiple email addresses from the same affiliation with semicolons. Hyperlink email addresses
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4. Body of Abstract - Abstracts must not exceed 250 words. Emphasize the results of a study or the practical application of a resource management project or program. If there is more than one paragraph, single space between paragraphs and do not indent.
5. Key Words – Capitalize the KEY WORDS and include no more than five.
6. Session Theme – Identify the theme(s) under which you think this presentation best fits. See list of themes at www.naturalarea.org/08conference/call.html.

Note: Develop the abstract in Microsoft Word in a Windows format, using one-inch margins and Arial, 10 point font. All spacing within the title/author area, abstract body, key words and conference theme should be single spaced and separated from each other by one space. Please see the example below and additional examples by visiting, www.naturalarea.org/08conference/call.html.

BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES TO MANAGE CANADA THISTLE IN NATIVE PRAIRIES. Roger Becker¹, Milt Haar¹, Luke Skinner², Mark Gulick³, Judy Markl³, and Dennis Opdahl³. ¹Dept. of Agronomy and Plant Genetics, University of Minnesota. becke003@umn.edu; haarx003@umn.edu. ²Division of Ecological Services, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. luke.skinner@dnr.state.mn.us. ³DNR Talcot Lake WMA, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. Mark.Gulick@state.mn.us; Judy.Markl@state.mn.us; Dennis.Opdahl@state.mn.us.

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A cooperative study involving the University of Minnesota and Talcot Lake Wildlife Management Area determined Best Management Practices for control of Canada thistle in native prairie. Studies were initiated in 2004 at

KEY WORDS: Canada thistle, *Cirsium arvense*, Control, Native Prairies

SESSION THEMES: Grassland Ecology, Management and Control of Invasive Species

Abstract Submission – must be received by April 22, 2008

Abstracts must be submitted electronically by attaching the Word file containing the abstract to an e-mail message. The e-mail must include the information listed exactly as below.

- TO:** wildflower@laurelweb.net
SUBJECT: NAA 2008 Abstract_Presenter's Last Name
- Contact person (presenter), affiliation
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You will be notified of receipt via e-mail. You will be informed by June 30 if your abstract is accepted. If you have questions during abstract submission or need to submit via standard mail, contact Lisa Smith at 1-724-493-4026 or wildflower@laurelweb.net.

Oral Presentations

Oral presentations in the concurrent sessions will be 20 minutes in length, followed by 3–5 minutes for questions. Adherence to presentation time limits will be strictly enforced. Microsoft PowerPoint and Adobe Acrobat Reader are strongly preferred for oral presentations. Overhead or slide projectors will be available only upon special request by June 30, 2008 to Lisa Smith, wildflower@laurelweb.net. If your abstract is accepted, you will be provided further information on operating system requirements for your presentation, instructions on getting your presentation loaded, etc. Check the NAA website www.naturalarea.org/08conference/call.html for this information as it becomes available.

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Poster Presentations

Posters are strongly encouraged as they allow extended informal discussions, active participation of co-authors, and are displayed throughout the conference. You are required to be present during the formal poster session on October 15 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Poster boards must be landscape-oriented, sized 4 x 3 feet (1.2 x 0.91 m) or smaller.

NOTE: All presenters will be required to pay for conference registration.

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A limited number of \$1,000 scholarships are available through the Natural Areas Association's International Program, for presenters who are seeking financial assistance to help defray costs associated with travel to and attendance at the Conference. The scholarship application procedure is independent from the abstracts submission process and conference registration. You must indicate interest in applying for scholarship assistance when you respond to the Call for Papers with an abstract submission. Once your paper is accepted, your name and contact information will be given to our International Scholarship committee, who will provide you with the scholarship eligibility requirements and application. Eligibility is primarily based on financial need. Note: all scholarship awards payments are in the form of reimbursement by international money order after (within 30 days of) the conference (no cash or other payments will be provided at the conference).

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