

## [Virtual presentation: “Wild History: A Behind-the-Scenes Tour of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Archives and Museum”](#)

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Have you ever wondered what books the scientist Rachel Carson personally owned? Or what the long-extinct passenger pigeon looked like in real life? These and other unique items are housed at the archives of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. While such items are of interest to the public, the FWS archives holds documents, images, and data found nowhere else that are essential to the work of historians, ecologists, and other researchers. Unlike a university or public archives, FWS also has exhibit space and hosts educational tours that require staff time and energy. Although it's part of a federal agency, it faces constant funding challenges.

To learn more about specialized archives, join FWS Historian Mark Madison for a brief video tour of the Fish and Wildlife archives and museum, followed by a live Q&A with Mark and a member of the Forest History Society's library staff about the challenges and opportunities that environmental history libraries like these face. They'll also talk about the many untapped collections at their respective archives that science and history researchers may want to know about. The event is free but registration is required.

Mark Madison is the Historian for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and in charge of the agency's Heritage and Partnership Branch. You can learn more about the FWS archives at <https://nctc.fws.gov/history/>

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