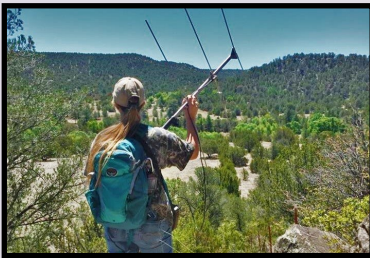


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My name is Kaitlyn Williams and I am from Aledo, Texas. I graduated from Texas A&M University this past May, 2016 with a B.S. in Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences with an emphasis in Wildlife Ecology and Conservation. I grew up in a small town with nature as my backyard, which fostered a respect and love for the outdoors. This experience provided me with a passion for the environment and animals which lead me to the wildlife field. While attending Texas A&M, I had the opportunity to do a summer internship working with Atlantic Puffins off the coast of Maine, study abroad in the Amazon Rainforest of Brazil, volunteer at the campus wildlife center, and participate in different activities with the department. I plan to pursue a Master's degree and hope to work as a wildlife biologist in the future.



Loafing Habitat of Montezuma Quail in the Capitan Mountains of New Mexico

16 May — 31 August 2016

This summer I am working with graduate student Elizabeth Oaster on her thesis project: Ecology of Montezuma Quail in the Capitan Mountains of New Mexico. I am assisting in catching, backpacking, and taking measurements of Montezuma quail, as well as following their movements using telemetry, and helping with vegetation surveys. Additionally, I am looking at loafing habitat selection of Montezuma quail. Vegetation surveys are conducted at the exact loafing locations of the quail found using telemetry, as well as random locations to determine the visual obstruction, plant species present, and canopy cover. Upon completion, this data will be analyzed and trends determined can be used to better manage the landscape for Montezuma quail.



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