

John R. Higley was born April 4, 1937, and passed away November 17, 2020. He was passionate about his family, friends, and the great outdoors. His interest in the outdoors began at a very young age and must have been innate, given his upbringing in Hollywood, CA. As a young teenager, he ventured from home to explore the wilds of Griffith Park, a 4,300-acre area of wild lands surrounded by Los Angeles and its suburbs. He spent countless hours roaming the park observing wildlife and catching snakes.

He made a lifelong pursuit of gardening and outdoor writing. He was also a member of the Outdoor Writers Association of America for 55 years and a longtime member of the National Wild Turkey Federation. Higley participated in the first two-day spring hunting season in California in 1971, harvesting one of the first legal gobblers in the state.

In addition to Successful Turkey Hunting, Higley wrote Hunting “Wild Turkeys in the West: Based on 20 years of Western Turkey Hunts” in 1990 and then followed that with an updated book based on 30 years of experience in 2001.