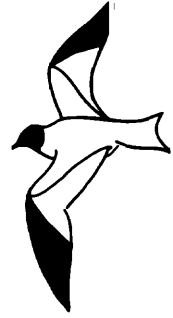


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MANAGEMENT AND PRESERVATION OF ENDANGERED BIRDS IN RIPARIAN ECOSYSTEMS:

A SYMPOSIUM PRESENTED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE COOPER ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING, 10 SEPTEMBER 1986

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When the Cooper Ornithological Society announced its annual meeting to be held in Davis, California, in the fall of 1986, the organizers requested topics for mini-symposia. Because one of the major management issues and conservation problems concerning birds in California and the arid West is the preservation and management of riparian ecosystems and their accompanying bird communities, I organized a steering committee to explore the possibility of conducting a symposium on this topic. This steering committee consisted of Edward Beedy of Jones and Stokes Associates, Kathleen Franzreb of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Endangered Species Office, and John Gustafson of California Department of Fish and Game Nongame Bird and Mammal Section. The format we chose emphasized the management and preservation of endangered birds in riparian habitats.

The call for papers met with enthusiasm and the final program consisted of 17 papers ranging from reports of original scientific research to papers reviewing issues of management importance. The symposium concluded with a panel discussion involving members of the academic, land management, and environmental communities. This was an opportunity to explore the views, concerns, and management plans of the participating organizations. Special thanks go to Felix Smith of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, who acted as the moderator, and to the panel members, David Busch of the Bureau of Reclamation, Earle Cummings of the California Department of Fish and Game, Steven Johnson of The Nature Conservancy, William Laudenslayer of the U.S. Forest Service, Robert Ohmart of Arizona State University, Richard Spotts of Defenders of Wildlife, and Daniel Taylor of the National Audubon Society, for making it a success.

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It is our hope that this volume will contribute to the management of endangered species inhabiting riparian ecosystems. We trust that the following papers will not be viewed as containing the ultimate answers, but rather, that they will provide grains of knowledge that will stimulate a new round of research and management activities and promote the reestablishment of viable riparian ecosystems throughout the West.