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Avian translocations: impacts for behavioral culture and population genetics.

Presented by: Dr. Mark E. Hauber, Hunter College, City University of New York.

Description: Translocations of small or threatened populations to larger or safer localities are the bread and butter of conservation efforts in many regions of the world, especially in insular nations. Translocations are often highly successful, establishing independent, distant, and protected populations to improve the prospects of species longevity. But translocations also carry potential costs, which may or may not supersede these benefits, especially when there is both connectivity and asymmetry between the source and the destination sites and populations. Here I review both the behavioral (song culture and species recognition) and the genetic (theoretical modelling based) evidence for the potential impact of translocation efforts in several contexts inspired by my own work in New Zealand.



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