

# Daniel S. Cooper

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## Areas of Expertise

- Project Management
- Environmental Compliance (CEQA/NEPA) and Monitoring
- Bird and Wildlife Surveys
- Biological Assessments
- Protocol Surveys for the California Gnatcatcher and other special-status bird species

## Years of Experience

CEM, Inc.: 4 years

Audubon California: 5 years

## Education

MSc. (Biogeography)/1999/UC  
Riverside

BA/1995/Harvard University

## Certification

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Permit No. TE-100008-0 (California Gnatcatcher).

USGS Master Station Banding Permit (#23049) (2001-2004)

CDFG Scientific Collecting Permit (in review)

## Overview

Daniel S. Cooper is an authority on California bird ecology, identification and distribution, and has a strong background in southern California ecology and natural history. Specific areas of expertise include the Ballona Wetlands, eastern Santa Monica Mountains, Santa Clara River, Puente-Chino Hills, and remnant habitat patches on the floor of the Los Angeles Basin. Mr. Cooper has designed and managed numerous field-based research projects and assessments for a wide variety of clients, including public agencies and municipalities, large consulting firms, private landowners, and nonprofit environmental organizations. He is the author of Important Bird Areas of California (Audubon California 2004), and he continues to publish in peer-reviewed journals.

Mr. Cooper is permitted by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to perform protocol surveys for the federally-threatened California gnatcatcher, and brings more than ten years of professional experience surveying for and observing special-status species throughout California. Mr. Cooper has held a Master Station Bird Banding permit from the U.S. Geological Survey, and has completed the requirements for a scientific collecting permit for the California Dept. of Fish and Game (anticipated summer 2009). Since the mid-1990s, Mr. Cooper has also conducted original research on bird distribution in Central and northern South America, primarily for private landowners.

## Project Management Experience

### **Griffith Park Natural History Survey and Postfire Bio-monitoring.**

Researched and co-authored Griffith Park Wildlife Management Plan. Supervised development of website ([www.griffithparkwildlife.org](http://www.griffithparkwildlife.org); with Cartifact, Inc.). Designed and carried out first-ever study of wildlife of Griffith Park, focusing on the 2007 burn area, including breeding/wintering birds, reptiles/amphibians, and bats with two subcontractors. Coordinated survey effort of reptiles/amphibians with USGS San Diego Field Station (Dr. Robert Fisher). Wildlife Management Plan submitted to City of Los Angeles, Dept. of Recreation and Parks on January 22, 2009; other technical reports submitted include those on bats (February 20, 2009) and birds (March 2, 2009).

**Coastal Cactus Wren Survey, Los Angeles County.** Organized and supervise a team of more than 20 volunteers for The Nature Conservancy (ongoing), the first-ever effort to document the actual range of this bird in the County.

**Puente Hills Landfill Native Habitat Preservation Authority, Whittier, CA.** As the staff ecologist, I managed \$2M of restoration contracts in coastal sage scrub, oak/walnut woodland, and riparian habitats in western Puente Hills. I also developed and reviewed plant palettes and restoration design, and oversaw bio-monitoring of restoration sites (2007-08).

**Audubon Christmas Bird Count.** Organizer and compiler for two Los Angeles-area Christmas Counts: Los Angeles (since 2008) and Santa Clarita (since 2003). These are annual events that involve coordinating assignments and processing data sheets for 50+ volunteers, part of a worldwide effort to census birds each winter.

**CoffeeReserve Program.** Developed in 2006 with California-based coffee importer Rogers Family Co., this program has organized bird and wildlife surveys on supplier-farms in Chiapas, Mexico and Nicaragua, developed species lists and hiking maps for several properties, and pilot-testing an ecotourism internship program at a lodge/farm complex in northern Nicaragua in 2008.

**Kingston Wildlife Research Station, Kingston, RI.** Managed bird-banding station for Univ. of Rhode Island; other responsibilities included training volunteers, writing grants (obtained \$10,000 for habitat management), bird/amphibian surveys of local natural areas (2005-06).

**California Important Bird Area Project.** From 2001-2004, researched, wrote and published the Important Bird Areas of California (Audubon California 2004), a compendium of 150 sites considered most critical for bird conservation in the state. This project involved convening a team of dozens of advisors and local experts from around the state, numerous site visits, and working with photographers, a layout designer, printer, and distribution company. This book now forms a cornerstone of Audubon's conservation work in California.

## **CEQA/NEPA Compliance**

**Marina del Rey Dredging and Sand-Separation Project, Los Angeles, CA.** Designed survey protocol and carried out surveys and construction monitoring for wintering population of federally-threatened western snowy plover at Dockweiler State Beach. Attend weekly construction meetings with US Army Corps of Engineering and County of Los Angeles staff and contractors (ongoing).

**Vista Canyon Ranch, Santa Clarita, CA.** Conducted field visits, provided consultation on special-status plant and wildlife species as part of preparation of biological assessment of large parcel along the Santa Clara River (with Forde Biological Consultants and The River Project). Attend design meetings with developer, architect and consultants (ongoing).

**Landmark Village, Newhall Ranch, Santa Clarita, CA.** Provided analysis of and re-wrote special-status species accounts in Biological Resources section of EIR for large residential and commercial development along Santa Clara River for Audubon California (2007) and Pacific Coast Conservation Alliance (2008).

**Broad Beach, Malibu, CA.** Conducted field visits and helped prepare the Biological Assessment (with Robert A. Hamilton) for Malibu Bay Company development at Broad Beach. Analyzed impacts to potential ESHA (Environmentally Sensitive Habitat Area) at site (2008).

**San Gabriel River Discovery Center, South El Monte, CA.** Conducted bird surveys and habitat assessment and provided mitigation recommendations for proposed nature center and office/conference facility

in the Whittier Narrows Recreation Area. Final reports submitted to the Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers and Mountains Conservancy November 7, 2008.

### **Faunal/Floral Surveys (clients listed in parentheses)**

#### **Bird surveys and analysis, incl. mist-netting, point-counts, spot-mapping, and/or walking transects:**

- Playa Vista Riparian Corridor, Los Angeles, CA (ongoing, for E Read Consulting, Inc.)
- Ballona Wetlands Ecological Reserve, Playa del Rey, CA (ongoing; Friends of Ballona Wetlands)
- Ballona Freshwater Marsh, Los Angeles, CA (Center for Natural Lands Management)
- Ballona Outdoor Learning and Discovery site, Playa del Rey, CA (Ballona Wetlands Foundation)
- Malibu Lagoon, Malibu, CA (Resource Conservation District of the Santa Monica Mountains)
- Nicholas Creek mouth, Malibu, CA (Wishtoyo Foundation)

#### **Miscellaneous bird surveys:**

- Kern River Preserve, Weldon, CA (incl. MAPS Station; Kern River Research Center)
- Audubon Center in Debs Park, Los Angeles (incl. MAPS Station; Audubon California)
- Western Riverside Co. (UCR/Western Riverside County Multi-Species Habitat Conservation Plan; Dartmouth College)
- Audubon Sanctuaries in Central MA (Massachusetts Audubon Society)
- Kingston Wildlife Research Station, Kingston, RI (Univ. of Rhode Island)
- Angelus Oaks Transect, San Bernardino Mountains, CA (USGS Breeding Bird Survey)
- Pasoh Forest Reserve, Malayisa (Univ. of Malaysia)
- Chequamagon National Forest, Wisconsin (Univ. of Missouri)
- Private forest reserves in Guatemala, Costa Rica, Panama and Venezuela (various owners)

#### **Biological assessments (multi-taxa):**

- Cahuenga Peak, Los Angeles, CA (ongoing; The Trust for Public Land)
- Sanford-Avalon Community Garden, Watts, CA. Conduct (ongoing; Los Angeles Community Garden Council)
- Open space parcels in Northeastern Los Angeles, CA (Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority)
- Mission Creek, South El Monte, CA (Los Angeles Conservation Corps)
- Elephant Hill, Montecito Heights (Los Angeles), CA (Committee to Save Elephant Hill)

## Experience with Special-status Species

- Coastal California gnatcatcher *Polioptila californica californica*  
More than 50 hours of experience conducting protocol surveys for this species in Los Angeles and Riverside counties; Discovered previously-unknown populations in western Puente Hills and northern Chino Hills (both Los Angeles Co.).
- Western snowy plover *Charadrius alexandrinus nivosus*  
Surveyed for and monitored this species at Dockweiler State Beach, Los Angeles; volunteer for a countywide survey in Los Angeles County (Surfrider Foundation, Pacific Coast Conservation Alliance)
- Western burrowing owl *Athene cunicularia hypugaea*  
Volunteered (Antelope Valley, Los Angeles Co., CA) on a statewide breeding population census for Institute for Bird Populations.
- Mountain plover *Charadrius montanus*
- Long-billed curlew *Numenius americanus*  
Volunteered in surveys for both grassland species in agricultural fields in the Imperial Valley, CA, with researchers from the Los Angeles Co. Museum of Natural History.
- Coastal cactus wren *Campylorhynchus brunneicapillus sandiegensis*  
Organizing Los Angeles County portion of region-wide survey for The Nature Conservancy.
- Least Bell's Vireo *Vireo bellii pusillus*  
Assessed potential breeding habitat at several sites in Los Angeles and Riverside counties.
- Belding's savannah sparrow *Passerculus sandwichensis beldingi*  
Surveyed for this and other coastal wetland species at Ballona Freshwater Marsh and adjacent Ballona Wetlands.

## Survey experience with the following additional special-status species:

### BIRDS

- Brant *Branta bernicla*  
Cackling Canada goose *B. hutchinsii leucopareia*  
Ruffed grouse *Bonasa umbellus*  
California brown pelican *Pelecanus occidentalis californicus*  
Double-crested cormorant *Phalacrocorax auritus*  
Great egret *Ardea alba*  
Great blue heron *Ardea herodias*  
American bittern *Botaurus lentiginosus*  
Snowy egret *Egretta thula*  
Least bittern *Ixobrychus exilis*  
Black-crowned night-heron *Nycticorax nycticorax*  
Cooper's hawk *Accipiter cooperii*  
White-tailed kite *Elanus leucurus*  
Merlin *Falco columbarius*  
Peregrine falcon *F. peregrinus*  
Western yellow-billed cuckoo *Coccyzus americanus occidentalis*  
Southwestern willow flycatcher *Empidonax traillii eximius*  
Brown-crested flycatcher *Myiarchus tyrannulus*  
Loggerhead shrike *Lanius ludovicianus* (incl. *mearnsi*)  
Least bell's vireo *Vireo bellii pusillus*  
California horned lark *Eremophila alpestris actia*  
Yellow warbler *Dendroica petechia*  
Yellow-breasted chat *Icteria virens*  
Southern California rufous-crowned sparrow *Aimophila ruficeps canescens*

Grasshopper sparrow *Ammodramus savannarum*  
Bell's sage sparrow *Amphispiza belli belli*  
Black-chinned sparrow *Spizella atrogularis*  
Summer tanager *Piranga rubra*  
Kern red-winged blackbird *Agelaius phoeniceus aciculatus*  
Tricolored blackbird *Agelaius tricolor*  
Yellow-headed blackbird *Xanthocephalus xanthocephalus*

#### OTHER WILDLIFE

Coast horned lizard *Phrynosoma coronatum*  
Orange-throated whiptail *Aspidoscelis hyperythra*  
Coastal western whiptail *Aspidoscelis tigris stejnegeri*  
Ringneck snake *Diadophis punctatus*  
Northern red-diamond rattlesnake *Crotalus ruber ruber*  
San Diego black-tailed jackrabbit *Lepus californicus bennettii*

#### PLANTS

Southern California black walnut *Juglans californicus*  
Hubby's Phacelia *Phacelia cicutaria* var. *hubbyi*  
Catalina mariposa-lily *Calochortus catalinae*  
Slender mariposa-lily *Calochortus clavatus*  
Plummer's mariposa-lily *Calochortus plummerae*  
Humboldt lily *Lilium humboldti*

### Expert Witness/Declaration

Expert witness deposition regarding the ecological function of eucalyptus trees in the Malibu/Santa Monica Mountains area, Sidley vs. Thurman (settled out-of-court Oct. 2008).

Declaration in support of plaintiffs' motion for summary judgment in NEPA case involving stream-filling, Wishtoyo Foundation/Ventura Coastkeeper et al. vs. Francis J. Harvey, Secretary of the Army et al. and Pardee Homes. U.S. District Court, Central Coast of California (Nov. 2007).

### Teaching

**University of California, Los Angeles.** *Instructor, UCLA Extension School.* Developed courses on conservation biology and bird monitoring, 2001 - 2003.

**University of California, Riverside.** *Graduate Teaching Assistant.* Geomorphology, Natural Disasters, and Astronomy, 1998-1999.

### Boards/Committees

Griffith Park Postfire Recovery Team. Wildlife Team Leader, 2007-2008  
California Department of Water Resources. Salton Sea Restoration  
Advisory Committee, 2003-2005

California Partners-in-Flight. Executive Steering Committee, 2003-2005  
Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers and Mountains Conservancy. Tech.  
Advisory Board, 2002- 2005

Central Valley Habitat Joint Venture. Executive Steering Committee,  
2001-2003

Friends of the Los Angeles River. Technical Advisory Board, 1989-2001

## **Professional Societies/Affiliations**

Western Field Ornithologists  
Neotropical Bird Club  
Southern California Academy of Sciences  
Southern California Botanists

## **Awards**

Semifinalist honor, Interactive Media. International Science & Engineering Visualization Challenge (National Science Foundation/*Science*), for the website "Griffith Park Wildlife Management Plan", online at: [www.griffithparkwildlife.org](http://www.griffithparkwildlife.org) 2008.

Certificate of Appreciation, "In recognition of outstanding citizenship and activities enhancing community betterment" (City of Los Angeles), for service to the Griffith Park Postfire Recovery Team, 2008.

Audubon "ACE" Award, Debs Park Audubon Center planning team (National Audubon Society), 2001.

Education Project Award - University of California, Riverside (American Planning Association, Inland Empire Section), for the website "Understanding the Plants and Animals of the Western Riverside County Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan", online at [www.ecoregion.ucr.edu](http://www.ecoregion.ucr.edu), 2001.

Winner, Great Texas Birding Classic ("Team Wildbird", sponsored by Wildbird magazine), 1999.

## **Chronology**

1995 - 1996 Research Associate, Kern River Research Center  
1997 - 1999 Graduate Research Associate, Univ. of California, Riverside  
1999 - 2001 Biologist, National Audubon Society  
2001 - 2005 Dir. of Bird Conservation (California), National Audubon Soc.  
2005 - 2006 Manager, Kingston Wildlife Research Station  
2005 - President, Cooper Ecological Monitoring, Inc.

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## Publications

### Books

Cooper, D.S. 2004. Important Bird Areas of California. Audubon California, Pasadena. 286 pp.

### Book sections

Cooper, D.S. 2007. "Playa del Rey/Ballona Freshwater Marsh", p. 336, *In: A Birder's Guide to Southern California*, Schram, B., American Birding Association, Colorado Springs, CO.

----- 2005. "Ernest E. Debs Regional Park & Audubon Center", pp. 16-17, *In: Birding Guide to the Greater Pasadena Area*, Pasadena Audubon Soc., Pasadena, CA.

### Peer-reviewed papers

Mathewson, P., S. Spehar and D.S. Cooper. 2008. A preliminary large mammal survey of Griffith Park, Los Angeles, California. *Bull. So. Calif. Acad. Sci.* 107:57-67.

Cooper, D.S. 2008. The use of historical data in the restoration of the avifauna of the Ballona Wetlands, Los Angeles County, California. *Natural Areas Journal* 28:83-90.

----- 2006. Annotated checklist of extirpated, reestablished, and newly-colonized avian taxa of the Ballona Valley, Los Angeles County, California. *Bull. So. Calif. Acad. Sci.* 105:91-112.

----- 2006. Shorebird use of a novel habitat: the lower Los Angeles River channel. *Western Birds* 37:1-6.

Cooper, D.S., R. Carmona, and R.A. Erickson. 2004. State of the Region: Baja California Peninsula. *North American Birds* 58:605-606.

Cooper, D.S. 2003. New distributional and ecological information on birds in southwestern Guatemala. *Cotinga* 19:61-64.

----- 2002. Geographical associations of breeding bird distribution in an urban open space. *Biological Conservation* 104:205-210.

----- 2000. Breeding landbirds of a highly-threatened open space: The Puente-Chino Hills, California. *Western Birds* 31:213-234.

----- 1999. Notes on the birds of Isla Popa, western Bocas del Toro, Panama. *Cotinga* 11:23-26.

Cooper, D.S. and C.M. Francis. 1998. Nest predation in a lowland Malaysian rainforest. *Biological Conservation* 85:199-202.

Cooper, D.S. 1998. Birds of the Rio Negro Jaguar Preserve, Colonia Libertad, Costa Rica. *Cotinga* 8:17-22.

Rowe, S.P. and D.S. Cooper. 1997. Confirmed nesting of Lazuli Bunting with Indigo Bunting in Kern County, California. *Western Birds* 28:225-227.

Cooper, D.S. and D. Perlman. 1997. Conservation of biodiversity on California military bases: Implications of base closures. *Fremontia* 25:3-8.

### Book reviews

Cooper, D.S. 2004. Review of *Birds of the Salton Sea: Status, biogeography and ecology*, by M.A. Patten, G.M. McCaskie and P. Unitt. University of California Press. *Western Birds* 35:114-117.

### Professional reports

#### Ballona Wetlands

Cooper, D.S. 2008. Quarterly bird survey, Fall 2008. Playa Vista Riparian Corridor, Los Angeles, California. Prepared for E Read and Associates, Orange, California, Oct. 27, 2008.

----- 2008 Breeding bird survey, Ballona Freshwater Marsh at Playa Vista, Playa del Rey, California. Prepared for E Read and Associates, Orange, California, July 2, 2008.

- 2008. 2007-08 Winter bird survey, Ballona Freshwater Marsh at Playa Vista, Playa del Rey, California. Prepared for E Read and Associates, Orange, California, Jan. 12, 2007.
- 2007. 2007 Fall bird survey, Ballona Freshwater Marsh at Playa Vista, Playa del Rey, California. Prepared for E Read and Associates, Orange, California, Oct. 8, 2007.
- 2007. 2007 Breeding bird survey, Ballona Freshwater Marsh at Playa Vista, Playa del Rey, California. Prepared for the Center for Natural Lands Management, Fallbrook, California, July 13, 2007.
- 2007. Chapter 6: Birds of the BOLD Project Site. In: J.H. Dorsey and S. Bergquist (Eds.), "A baseline survey of the Ballona Outdoor Learning & Discovery (BOLD) Area, Ballona Wetlands, Los Angeles County, California". Report submitted to The California Coastal Conservancy and Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission by the Ballona Wetlands Foundation, April, 2007.
- 2007. 2006-07 Winter bird survey, Ballona Freshwater Marsh at Playa Vista, Playa del Rey, California. Prepared for the Center for Natural Lands Management, Fallbrook, California, Jan. 20, 2007.
- 2006. 2006 Fall bird survey, Ballona Freshwater Marsh at Playa Vista, Playa del Rey, California. Prepared for the Center for Natural Lands Management, Fallbrook, California, Oct. 23, 2006.
- 2006. 2006 Breeding bird survey, Ballona Freshwater Marsh at Playa Vista, Playa del Rey, California. Prepared for the Center for Natural Lands Management, Fallbrook, California, July 14, 2006.
- 2006. 2005-06 Winter bird survey. Ballona Freshwater Marsh at Playa Vista, Playa del Rey, California. Prepared for the Center for Natural Lands Management, Fallbrook, California, Jan. 7, 2006.
- 2005. 2005 Fall bird survey, Ballona Freshwater Marsh at Playa Vista, Playa del Rey, California. Prepared for the Center for Natural Lands Management, Fallbrook, California, Nov. 8, 2005.
- 2005. 2005 Breeding bird survey, Ballona Freshwater Marsh at Playa Vista, Playa del Rey, California. Prepared for the Center for Natural Lands Management, Fallbrook, California, July 11, 2005.
- 2005. 2004-05 Winter bird survey. Ballona Freshwater Marsh at Playa Vista, Playa del Rey, California. Prepared for the Center for Natural Lands Management, Fallbrook, California, Feb. 8, 2005.
- 2005. Checklist of birds of Ballona Valley, Los Angeles County, California (Online). Available: [http://www.cooperecological.com/ballona\\_field\\_checklist\\_v.htm](http://www.cooperecological.com/ballona_field_checklist_v.htm).
- 2004. 2004 Fall bird survey, Ballona Freshwater Marsh at Playa Vista, Playa del Rey, California. Prepared for the Center for Natural Lands Management, Fallbrook, California, Nov. 2, 2004.
- 2004. 2004 Breeding bird survey, Ballona Freshwater Marsh at Playa Vista, Playa del Rey, California. Prepared for the Center for Natural Lands Management, Fallbrook, California, July 25, 2004.
- 2004. Ballona Wetlands Training Manual, Audubon Ballona Wetlands Program. 54 pp.

#### Misc. Los Angeles area

- Cooper, D.S. 2008. Ecological assessment of open space remnants in northeastern Los Angeles. Prepared for Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA), Los Angeles, Calif. Nov. 15, 2008.
- 2008. Summer bird survey for San Gabriel River Discovery Center. Prepared for Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC), Azusa, Calif. Nov. 7, 2008.
- 2008. Habitat Assessment for Whittier Narrows Natural Area (eastern portion). Prepared for Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC), Azusa, Calif. Nov. 7, 2008.
- 2008. Biota report for La Habra Heights reservoir relocation project, La Habra Heights, Los Angeles Co., California. Prepared for Civiltec Engineering, Inc., Monrovia, California. Oct. 3, 2008.
- Forde, A.M. and E. Read, with D.S. Cooper, D. Crawford, I.P. Swift and R. Francis, Jr. 2008. Biological Assessment, Vista Canyon Ranch, Los Angeles Co., California. Prepared for Vista Canyon Ranch, LLC (Valencia, Calif.) and The River Project (Studio City, Calif.), August 27, 2008.

- Cooper, D.S. 2008. Protocol survey for California Gnatcatcher *Poliioptila californica* at "Terraces at Hidden Hills" in Calabasas, Los Angeles County, California. Prepared for Impact Sciences, Camarillo, California. June 12, 2008.
- 2008. Protocol survey for California Gnatcatcher *Poliioptila californica* at "KRLA site" near Walnut/Covina, Los Angeles County, California. Prepared for Impact Sciences, Camarillo, California. June 12, 2008.
- 2008. Initial Biological Assessment: Mission Creek. Prepared for Los Angeles Conservation Corps. March 31, 2008.
- Hamilton, R.A., D.S. Cooper, W.R. Ferren and C.P. Sandoval. 2008. Biological Resources Assessment, 30732 Pacific Coast Hwy., Malibu, California. Prepared for Malibu Bay Company, Feb. 19, 2008.
- Cooper, D.S. 2007. Protocol survey for California Gnatcatcher *Poliioptila californica* at Hidden Hills Golf Club, Norco (Riverside County, California), Spring 2007. Prepared for Impact Sciences, Camarillo, California. July 19, 2007.
- 2007. Protocol survey for California Gnatcatcher *Poliioptila californica* at the "pit", a former quarry site adjacent to Claremont College (Los Angeles/San Bernardino counties), Spring 2007. Prepared for Impact Sciences, Camarillo, California. June 22, 2007.
- 2006. Birds of Malibu Lagoon: Final Report, 2006. Prepared for the Resource Conservation District of the Santa Monica Mountains, Topanga, California, August 8, 2006.
- 2005. Breeding bird survey, Nicholas Creek mouth, Malibu, California. Prepared for the Wishtoyo Foundation, Oxnard, California, June 10, 2005.
- 2005. Debs Park Teacher-Naturalist Training Manual, Audubon Center at Debs Park, 45 pp.
- 2004. Rapid Biological Assessment of Elephant Hill (Los Angeles/South Pasadena, CA). May 25, 2004.
- 1999. Debs Park Habitat Management Plan. Audubon Center at Debs Park, 24 pp.
- Scott, T.A. and D.S. Cooper. 1999. Summary of avian resources of the Puente-Chino Hills Corridor. January, 1999. Available (Online): <http://www.hillsforeveryone.org/>
- Cooper, D.S., C. D'Agosta, K. Garrett, L. Dwyer-Hade, V. Jigour, A. Thomas, K. Bullard, S. Manion, T. Alsobrook, M. Campbell, A. Dove. 1998. Environmental review of vegetation removal in Los Angeles County rivers and streams. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority/EPA Region IX, San Francisco.

#### Latin America

- Cooper, D.S. 2007. Ecological assessment of five coffee farms in north-central Nicaragua. Prepared for Rogers Family Companies, Apr. 28, 2007.
- 2006. Ecological assessment of seven coffee farms in the Soconusco region of Chiapas, Mexico. Prepared for Rogers Family Companies, Dec. 1, 2006.

#### **Popular articles**

- Los Angeles County Sensitive Bird Species Working Group (incl. Daniel S. Cooper). 2008. Los Angeles County's Sensitive Bird Species. *Western Tanager* (newsletter of Los Angeles Audubon Society) 75:E1-E11.
- Cooper, D.S. 2007. Wildlife response to the Griffith Park fire. *Water Wise* (newsletter of the Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers Watershed Council) 11(1):10-11. Fall 2007.
- 2005. A duck club in L.A.?: The near-death and slow recovery of the Ballona Wetlands. *California Waterfowl*. June/July 2005.
- 2005. Birding the Ballona Wetlands. *Winging It* (newsletter of American Birding Association). 17(2):1-4.
- 2000. Rediscovering the lower Arroyo Seco. *Western Tanager* 67:1-3.
- 2000. ("Off the beaten path") The Huntington Library. *Western Tanager* 66:6-7.
- 1999. From the front lines: a birding tour leader offers his perspective. *Wildbird*. October, 1999.

## Conference Presentations

- Cooper, D.S. Cactus Wrens of the Puente-Chino Hills: 1998 - 2008 (presentation). *Coastal Cactus Wren Symposium*. April 1, 2008. Irvine Ranch Water District, Irvine, CA.
- Rethinking "Shade-grown" (presentation, in Spanish). *Annual meeting of Rogers Family Company coffee suppliers* (c. 50 growers from throughout Latin America). August 2, 2007. Selva Negra Lodge, Matagalpa, Nicaragua.
- Wildlife of Griffith Park (presentation). *Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers Watershed Council Symposium*. June 20, 2007. The Autry National Center in Griffith Park, Los Angeles, CA.
- Avian extirpation and colonization at the Ballona Wetlands, Los Angeles County, California (presentation). *Southern California Academy of Sciences Annual Meeting*, May 20-21, 2005, Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles, CA.
- Important Bird Areas of California (presentation). *California All-Bird Conservation Workshop*. November 15-16, 2004, Sacramento, CA.
- Cooper, D.S. and E. Galicia (co-moderators). Community participation, birding trails and birding festivals – tools for IBA outreach and implementation. *Important Bird Areas Conference*, August 14, 2004. Sierra Vista, AZ.
- Cooper, D.S. An exploration of the importance of the Salton Sea and associated ecosystems to birds (presentation). *California Water Dialogue*, Sept. 16, 2003. San Diego, CA.
- Fall migration of shorebirds along the lower Los Angeles River (poster). *27<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Western Field Ornithologists*. October 10-13, 2002. Irvine, CA.
- The use of riparian bird species as indicators of restoration success in the Los Angeles area (presentation). *Southern California Academy of Sciences Annual Meeting*, May 19-20, 2000, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA.
- Cooper, D. and T. Scott. Patterns of breeding bird distribution in a large urban open space reserve (presentation). *4<sup>th</sup> International Urban Wildlife Conservation Symposium*. May 1-5, 1999. University of Arizona. Tucson, AZ.
- Wehtje, W. and D.S. Cooper. Range expansion in the Great-tailed Grackle (poster). *North American Ornithological Conference*. April 6-12, 1998. St. Louis, MO.
- Cooper, D.S. Southern California's camouflaged national parks: military reservations (presentation). *Nature's Workshop: Environmental Change in 20<sup>th</sup> Century Southern California*. Sept. 18-20, 1997. California State University, Northridge, CA.