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To be ultimately successful, restoration plans must take into account the needs of current or desired wildlife species in project areas. *Restoring Wildlife* gives ecologists, restorationists, administrators, and other professionals involved with restoration projects the tools they need to understand essential ecological concepts, helping them to design restoration projects that can improve conditions for native species of wildlife. It also offers specific guidance and examples on how various projects have been designed and implemented.

The book interweaves theoretical and practical aspects of wildlife biology that are directly applicable to the restoration and conservation of animals. It provides an understanding of the fundamentals of wildlife populations and wildlife-habitat relationships as it

explores the concept of habitat, its historic development, components, spatial-temporal relationships, and role in land management

reviews how wildlife populations are identified and counted

details techniques for measuring wildlife and wildlife habitat

discusses how wildlife and its habitat needs can be incorporated into restoration planning

considers how exotic species, competitors, predators, disease, and related factors influence restoration planning

develops a solid justification and reasoning for monitoring and good sampling design

discusses and critiques case histories of wildlife analysis in restoration projects

The approach outlined can be applied at all spatial scales, from broad-scale (landscape) projects down to small (site-specific) ones. Throughout, the author emphasizes a holistic, integrated ecosystem approach.

Restoring Wildlife builds on the foundation of material presented in *Wildlife Restoration*, published by Island Press in 2002, offering the basic information from that book along with much updated material in a reorganized and expanded format.

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Restoring Wildlife is the only single source that deals with wildlife and restoration, and is an important resource for practicing restorationists and biologists as well as undergraduate and graduate students in wildlife management, ecological restoration, environmental science, and related fields.

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