

## INTRODUCTORY REMARKS: ESTIMATING RELATIVE ABUNDANCE (PART II)

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The papers contained in this session are heterogeneous with respect to avian surveys. Some deal with the use of taped avian calls to quantify avian numbers; one paper presents the technique of estimating relative densities with the

use of mist nets; and still another paper presents the method of recording species presence or absence data through the use of an atlas.

The only unifying component in these papers is that we are dealing with avian studies. This does not reduce the importance of these papers, but simply illustrates the breadth and complexity of the topics that are related to surveying avian populations.

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