

PREFACE

This volume is the result of two symposia held on the past and present status of the avifauna of the Salton Sea: the first in the Imperial Valley in the summer of 1997, sponsored by the Western Field Ornithologists, the second in Riverside in spring of 2000, hosted by the Cooper Ornithological Society. In the introductory chapter that follows we summarize the dynamic history of the Salton Sink and Colorado River Delta, the key environmental issues in the region, and the genesis of these symposia and the papers in this volume.

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