There are many threats facing wetlands worldwide, and much effort goes towards safeguarding such areas and the waterbird populations that use them. The Conservation of International Flyway Populations of Waders is a collection of 24 papers arising from a Workshop held as part of the Wader Study Group annual meeting near Edinburgh, Scotland in September 1986. The Workshop, and this proceedings volume, have brought together both those researching wader migration systems, and those working to conserve waders and the wetlands on which they depend, to further promote the attempts to make an effective integrated approach to wader and flyway conservation. Its objectives are to compare the methods used to study and conserve wader flyways worldwide; to assess the state of knowledge of wader migration systems, and to identify the major gaps remaining in this knowledge; to examine the approaches to conserving waders and wetlands around the world; and to recommend some future directions for the research and conservation of flyway populations of waders. The volume aims to focus attention and future work on filling the gaps in understanding of wader flyways, and to promote continued dialogue between all those involved in wader research and conservation.

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