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EDUCATION

University of California, Los Angeles, Ph.D. 2020 (Biology)

University of California, Riverside, M.Sc. 1999 (Biogeography)

Harvard University, A.B. 1995 (Biology)

SELECTED RESEARCH GRANTS and CONTRACTS

University of California, Los Angeles, “Grand Challenge”. *Management tools to promote the coexistence of L.A.’s nesting raptors and herons.* (2017-2019; \$56,000). Co-PI with Dr. Daniel Blumstein and Dr. Pamela Yeh, UCLA.

California Department of Parks and Recreation, Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division.

2017/2018 Grants and Cooperative Agreements grant: *An assessment of the current and historic breeding status of the Golden Eagle and other raptors within the Janbone-Butterbredt Area of Critical Environmental Concern.* \$65,000; 2018/2019 Grants and Cooperative Agreements grant: *An assessment of the breeding status of the Golden Eagle and other raptors on BLM lands within a portion of the southern Sierra Mountains with additional emphasis on determination of the distribution of the LeConte’s Thrasher at lower elevations within the study area.* \$196,000. Co-PI with Bill Haas, Pacific Coast Conservation Alliance.

United States Geological Survey: Developed protocol for and conducted year-round bird surveys of riparian habitat within multiple large flood control basins in Greater Los Angeles Area to provide management guidance for U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (2021-present; \$40,000).

United States Fish and Wildlife Service: *Industrial-scale solar projects and birds in the California desert: Assessing impacts and developing mitigation.* Prepared for Sonoran Joint Venture (2016). *Population assessment of the San Fernando Valley spineflower (Chorizanthe parryi var. fernandina) in Upper Las Virgenes Canyon Open Space, Ventura County, California* (2015).

Santa Monica Bay Foundation: Implemented bird census at Ballona Freshwater Wetlands System (2003-2013), all-bird survey of Ballona Wetlands Ecological Reserve (2009) and misc. bird surveys (2003-present, c. \$100,000); Implemented pre- and post-restoration bird surveys of Malibu Lagoon, 2005-2018; (\$10-20K/yr); and various small contracts to conduct bird monitoring at El Segundo Dunes, Santa Monica beach, etc.

Friends of Griffith Park: Launched community-science-based, “Los Angeles Raptor Survey” (2017-present); “Griffith Park (Wildlife) Connectivity Study” (2011-2013); drafted Griffith Park Wildlife Management Plan (2009); developed interactive website (with Cartifact, Inc.).

Audubon California: Developed monthly waterbird survey of the Salton Sea; analyzed vegetation patterns and community science data to draft recommendations for habitat assessment and restoration (2016-present; c. \$15,000/yr).

Rogers Family Co.: With California-based coffee importer, organized bird and wildlife surveys on supplier-farms in Chiapas, Mexico and Nicaragua; developed species lists and hiking maps; pilot-tested an ecotourism internship program at a lodge/farm complex in Nicaragua, and developed a conservation award for growers in El Salvador (with Roast Magazine) in 2010 (c. \$8,000, 2006-2016).

TEACHING/RESEARCH POSITIONS

Research Associate, Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County, Department of Ornithology, 2020-present.

Teaching Assistant; University of California, Los Angeles and Univ. of California, Riverside. EEB 114 (Ornithology) and Geography 113 (Humid Tropics), 2019; courses in Geomorphology, Natural Disasters, and Astronomy, 1998-1999. At UCLA, took EEB 495 (Teaching Biology – Higher Education).

Thesis Advisor; California State University, Los Angeles, CA. Master's Committee Member for Chris DeMarco ("Conservation of the Western Gray Squirrel in Griffith Park"), 2014-16; Oregon State University. Environmental Certificate advisor for Jane Gao ("Postfire response to nesting raptors in Malibu Creek Watershed"), 2019.

Visiting Researcher, Harvard Forest, Petersham, MA. Breeding bird survey of forest property in 2011 and 2013; butterfly surveys in 2015 and 2016.

Fellow; Center for Urban Resilience, Loyola Marymount Univ., Westchester, CA. Co-taught BIO 398, a field biology course (with Dr. Eric Strauss); informally advised graduate students, 2012-2015.

Instructor; UCLA Extension School, Los Angeles, CA. Developed and taught courses on conservation biology and bird monitoring, organized overnight field trips, 2001 - 2003.

WORK HISTORY

Cooper Ecological Monitoring, Inc. Los Angeles, CA. 2005 - present

President. An independent ecological consulting firm specializing in land use, wildlife and biodiversity issues, we provide expertise in study design & analysis, ecological assessment, and management recommendations.

- Manage projects in the \$1,000 - \$100,000 range for up to 20 clients per year in the Los Angeles area.
- Past clients include municipalities (Los Angeles, Torrance), non-profit groups (The Nature Conservancy, Trust for Public Land), agencies (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, California Coastal Conservancy), and various private firms and individuals.
- Hire and supervise up to five subcontractors per year.

Puente Hills Landfill Native Habitat Preservation Authority, Whittier, CA. 2007 - 2008

Biologist. Managed \$2M of restoration contracts in coastal sage scrub, oak/walnut woodland, and riparian habitats in western Puente Hills; also developed and reviewed plant palettes and restoration design, and oversaw bio-monitoring of restoration sites

National Audubon Society Los Angeles, CA. 2001 - 2005

Director of Bird Conservation, Audubon California.

- Member of senior management team for Audubon California, worked with national staff and partner organizations to shape bird conservation agenda in California.
- Organized donor cultivation activities, and assisted development staff in grant writing.
- Wrote and published a landmark reference guide ([Important Bird Areas of California](#); findings later incorporated into state legislation).
- Helped draft Audubon California's strategic plan (2003-04).
- Visited and evaluated sites for new Audubon nature centers; wrote staff training manuals for existing centers and programs.

Biologist, Audubon Center at Debs Park 1999 – 2001

- Member of core team charged with developing an urban nature education center at a large city park in urban Los Angeles; drafted and implemented habitat management plan.
- Organized neighborhood focus groups for parents and teachers in northeast Los Angeles to assess public perception of nature and conservation organizations.
- Initiated baseline natural history research in surrounding region for development of educational materials and programs for new Audubon Center.

HONORS AND RECOGNITION

Outstanding Award, Environmental Analysis Document (“Santa Monica Mountains North Area Plan”; with Aspen Environmental Group), Assoc. of Environmental Professionals, 2021.

Lasiewski Award for Outstanding Research in Organismal Biology, UCLA, 2021.

Carl Gibbs Environmental Excellence Award, City of Calabasas Environmental Commission, 2019.

Merit Award, So. California Soc. of Landscape Architects, “Culver City Urban Forest Master Plan”, 2016.

Best 2014 Calif. Coastal Commission Vote, Conservation Voting Chart, “Santa Monica Mountains Land Use Plan”, 2014.

Semifinalist honor, Interactive Media. Int’l Sci. & Eng. Visualization Challenge (NSF/*Science*), for “Griffith Park Wildlife Management Plan” (website), 2008.

Certificate of Appreciation, “In recognition of outstanding citizenship and activities enhancing community betterment” (City of Los Angeles), Griffith Park Postfire Recovery Team, 2008.

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

Education Project Award - UCR (Am. Planning Assoc., Inland Empire Section), “Understanding the Plants and Animals of the Western Riverside County Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan” (website), 2001.

BOARDS AND VOLUNTEER

World Commission on Protected Areas/IUCN (Member, 2017-present)

Oak Park – Park and Recreation Planning Committee (Elected member, 2020-present)

Biodiversity Expert Council, Los Angeles Department of Sanitation (2017-present)

Southern California Academy of Sciences (Board member, 2012-2015)

Western Field Ornithologists (Associate Editor, *Western Birds*, 2014-present)

Christmas Bird Count Compiler (Los Angeles, 2007-present; Santa Clarita, 2003-2015)

Coastal Cactus Wren Working Group (multi-agency) (2010- present)

Southern California Beach Metrics Working Group (2009-present)

Los Angeles County Oak Woodlands Habitat Conservation Strategic Alliance (2008-2015)

Sensitive Env. Areas Tech. Advisory Committee, Los Angeles County Dept. of Regional Planning (2009-2013)

Wildlife Team Leader, Griffith Park Postfire Recovery Team (2007-2008)

Salton Sea Restoration Advisory Committee, California, Department of Water Resources (2003-2005)

Executive Steering Committee, California Partners-in-Flight (2003-2005)

Technical Advisory Board, Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (2002- 2005)

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

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

JOURNAL ARTICLES (PEER-REVIEWED)

- Uchida, K., R.V. Blakey, J.R. Burger, D.S. Cooper, C.A. Niesner, and D.T. Blumstein. 2020. Opinion: Urban biodiversity and the importance of scale. *Trends in Ecol. and Evol.* 36(2):123-131. DOI: 10.1016/j.tree.2020.10.011
- DeMarco, C., D.S. Cooper, E. Torres, A. Muchlinski and A. Aguilar. 2020. Effects of urbanization on population genetic structure of western gray squirrels. *Conservation Genetics* 22:67-81. DOI: 10.1007/s10592-020-01318-x
- Shuford, W.D., K.C. Molina, J.P. Kelly, T.E. Condeso, D.S. Cooper and D. Jongsomjit. 2020. Breeding status of the double-crested cormorant in the interior of California, 2009-2012. *Western Birds* 51:270-292. DOI: 10.21199/WB51.4.1
- Shuford, W.D., J.P. Kelly, T.E. Condeso, D.S. Cooper, K.C. Molina, and D. Jongsomjit. 2020. Distribution and abundance of colonial-nesting herons, egrets, and night-herons in California, 2009–2012. *Western Birds* 51:190-220. DOI: 10.21199/WB51.3.2
- Cooper, D.S., A.J. Shultz, and D.T. Blumstein. 2020. Temporally separated data sets reveal similar traits of birds persisting in a United States Megacity. *Frontiers in Ecology and Evolution* 8:251. DOI: 10.3389/fevo.2020.00251
- Cooper, D.S., P.J. Yeh, and D.T. Blumstein. 2020. Tolerance and avoidance of urban cover in a southern California suburban raptor community over five decades. *Urban Ecosystems* 24:191-300. DOI: 1007/s11252-020-01035-w
- Cooper, D.S. 2019. Review of *Belonging on an Island: Birds, Extinction, and Evolution in Hawai'i*, by Daniel Lewis. Yale University Press. *Quarterly Review of Biology* 94:234. DOI: 1086/703627
- Ryan, T.P., S. Vigallon, D.S. Cooper, C. Dellith, K. Johnston, and L. Nguyen. 2019. Return of beach-nesting Snowy Plovers to Los Angeles County following 68-year absence. *Western Birds* 50:16-25. DOI: 10.21199/WB50.1.2
- Cooper, D.S. 2017. A flora of Griffith Park, Los Angeles, California. *Crossosoma* 41(1&2):1-86.
- Cooper, D.S., J. Mongolo, and C. Dellith. 2017. Status of the California Gnatcatcher at the northern edge of its range. *Western Birds* 48:124-140. DOI: 10.21199/WB48.2.3
- Cooper, D.S. and A.E. Muchlinski. 2015. Recent decline of lowland populations of the western gray squirrel in the Los Angeles area of southern California. *Bull. Southern California Acad. Sci.* 114(1):42-53. DOI: 10.3160/0038-3872-114.1.42
- Remington, S. and D.S. Cooper. 2015. Bat survey of Griffith Park, Los Angeles, California. *Southwestern Naturalist* 59(4):471-477. DOI: 10.1894/SGM-32.1
- Boydston, E., M. Ordeñana, and D.S. Cooper. 2014. Landscape connectivity for medium and large mammals in the City of Los Angeles. *WatershedWise* 15(4).
- Cooper, D.S. 2014. Shorebird conservation challenges on the Los Angeles River. *WatershedWise* 15(4).
- Bonebrake, T.C. and D.S. Cooper. 2014. A Hollywood drama of butterfly extirpation and persistence over a century of urbanization. *Journal of Insect Conservation* 18(4):683-692. DOI: 10.1007/s10841-014-9675-z
- Cooper, D.S., L.S. Hall and A.J. Searcy. 2014. A population census of the cactus wren in Ventura County, California. *Western Birds* 45(1):43-56.
- Cooper, D.S., R.A. Hamilton, and S. Lucas. 2012. A population census of the cactus wren *Campylorhynchus brunneicapillus* in coastal Los Angeles County. *Western Birds* 43(3):151-163.
- Cooper, D.S. 2011. Rare plants of Griffith Park, Los Angeles, California. *Fremontia* 38(4)/39(1):18-24.

- Cooper, D.S. 2011. Two recent records of the clapper rail from the Ballona Wetlands, Los Angeles County, California. *Western Birds* 42:111-114.
- Allen, L.W., M. Carmona-Freeman, D.S. Cooper, J. Feenstra, K.L. Garrett, G. George, M. Loquvam, E. Osgood, T. Ryan, M. San Miguel, and S. Vigallon. Los Angeles County's Sensitive Bird Species. *Western Tanager* 75(3). January/February 2009.
- Mathewson, P., S. Spehar and D.S. Cooper. 2008. An initial carnivore survey of Griffith Park, Los Angeles, California. *Bull. So. Calif. Acad. Sci.* 107:57-67. DOI: 10.3160/0038-3872(2008)107[57:AICSOG]2.0.CO;2
- 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. DOI: 10.3375/0885-8608(2008)28[83:TUOHDI]2.0.CO;2
- Cooper, D.S. 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. DOI: 10.3160/0038-3872(2006)105[91:ACOERA]2.0.CO;2
- Cooper, D.S. 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. 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.
- Cooper, D.S. 2003. New distributional and ecological information on birds in southwestern Guatemala. *Cotinga* 19:61-64.
- Cooper, D.S. 2002. Geographical associations of breeding bird distribution in an urban open space. *Biological Conservation* 104:205-210. DOI: 10.1016/S0006-3207(01)00166-5
- Cooper, D.S. 2000. Breeding landbirds of a highly-threatened open space: The Puente-Chino Hills, California. *Western Birds* 31:213-234.
- Cooper, D.S. 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. DOI: 10.1016/S0006-3207(97)00118-3
- 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.

BOOKS/CHAPTERS

- 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.
- Cooper, D.S. 2005. "Ernest E. Debs Regional Park & Audubon Center", pp. 16-17, *In: Birding Guide to the Greater Pasadena Area*, Pasadena Audubon Soc., Pasadena, CA.
- Cooper, D.S. 2004. Important Bird Areas of California. Audubon California, Pasadena. 286 pp.

SELECTED REPORTS AND WHITE PAPERS

- Cooper Ecological Monitoring, Inc. 2021. Rapid Assessment of Wildland-Urban Interface Parcels for Conservation: Sierra Madre to La Verne in Los Angeles County. Prepared for Watershed Conservation Authority, Azusa, CA. July 22, 2021.
- Cooper Ecological Monitoring, Inc. 2021. Biological Resources Survey and Report, “Vasquez Overlook” Property. Prepared for Watershed Conservation Authority, Azusa, CA. Jan. 25, 2021.
- Cooper, D.S. and C. McCammon. 2020. Nesting raptors of Griffith Park and Surrounding Area: 2020 (Final). Prepared for Friends of Griffith Park, Los Angeles, CA. Aug. 5, 2020.
- Hamilton, R.A. and D.S. Cooper. 2019. Migratory Bird Management Plan (Draft). Prepared for L.A. Stadium and Entertainment District, Inglewood, California. Nov. 20, 2019.
- Jones, A., D. Orr and D.S. Cooper. 2019. The status of birds at the Salton Sea (Conservation Report, Audubon California). National Audubon Society, New York. April 2019.
- Cooper, D.S. and C. Aiken (McCammon). 2018. Puente Hills Wildlife Camera Study, 2018 Report (Final). Prepared for Puente Hills Habitat Preservation Authority, Whittier, CA. Aug. 6, 2018
- Cooper, D.S. 2017. Regional California Gnatcatcher Survey, Ventura, Los Angeles and San Bernardino counties (in part). Final Report. Prepared for California Department of Fish and Wildlife, South Coast Region. Dec. 20, 2016 (Rev. Jan. 12, 2017).
- Jones, A., Krieger, K., Salas, L., Elliott, N., and Cooper, D.S. 2016. Quantifying bird habitat at the Salton Sea: Informing the State of California’s Salton Sea Management Plan. Audubon California, Point Blue Conservation Science, and Cooper Ecological Monitoring, Inc. Final Technical Report, Nov. 23, 2016.
- Cooper, D.S. 2016. Industrial-scale solar projects and birds in the California desert: Assessing impacts and developing mitigation (Final). Prepared for Sonoran Joint Venture (USFWS). May 5, 2016.
- Cooper, D.S. 2016. Ecological re-assessment of seven coffee farms in Soconusco, southeastern Chiapas, Mexico, 2006-10. Prepared for Rogers Family Company, March 16, 2016.
- Cooper, D.S. 2015. A Conservation Vision for Los Cerritos Wetlands, Los Angeles/Orange County, California (final draft). Prepared by D.S. Cooper and R.A. Hamilton for Audubon California. Oct. 27, 2015.
- Cooper, D.S. 2015 population assessment of the San Fernando Valley spineflower (*Chorizanthe parryi* var. *fernandina*) in Upper Las Virgenes Canyon Open Space, Ventura County, California. Prepared for U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ventura, CA. July 9, 2015.
- City of Culver City. 2015. Culver City Urban Forest Master Plan (Daniel Cooper, Consulting Ecologist).
- Cooper, D.S. 2014. Southern Tarplant Mitigation Plan, Torrance Regional Transit Center Site. Prepared for Public Works Dept., City of Torrance. Oct. 31, 2014.
- Cooper, D.S. 2014. San Jacinto Valley Important Bird Area: Conservation Planning and Action Steps. Prepared for Audubon California, August 20, 2014.
- Cooper, D.S. and R.A. Hamilton. 2014. A Conservation Analysis for the Santa Monica Mountains “Coastal Zone” in Los Angeles County. Appendix A (Biota) *in*: Santa Monica Mountains Local Coastal Program, January 2014. Available: <http://file.lacounty.gov/bos/supdocs/82928.pdf>
- Cooper, D.S. 2013. Sweet Springs Management Plan (draft). Prepared for Morro Coast Audubon Society. May 29, 2013.
- Ricondo & Associates, in association with Clark Biological Services, Cooper Ecological Monitoring, Inc., and Hamilton Biological, Inc. 2012. California least tern preliminary draft mitigation plan (revised draft). Prepared for San Diego County Regional Airport Authority. Revised Draft March 2013.

- Cooper, D.S. 2012. Weed management plan for the Baldwin Hills, Los Angeles County. Prepared for Council for Watershed Health, October 5, 2012.
- Johnston, K.K., E. Del Giudice-Tuttle, I.D. Medel, C. Piechowski, D.S. Cooper, J. Dorsey, and S. Anderson. 2012. The Ballona Wetlands Ecological Reserve Assessment Program: 2010-2011. Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission. Report prepared for the California Coastal Conservancy, Los Angeles, CA. 215 pp.
- Cooper, D.S. 2011. Vegetation ecology and wildfire prevention in the Monrovia foothills: Best management practices for living with wildfire. Report prepared for the City of Monrovia, July 21, 2011.
- Hamilton, R.A. and D.S. Cooper. 2010. Conservation & Management Plan for Marina del Rey, Los Angeles Co., California, September 16, 2010. Prepared for: County of Los Angeles, Dept. of Beaches and Harbors, Marina del Rey, CA.

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS/POSTERS

- Cooper, D.S. 2021. Patterns and Implications of Urban Tolerance in Nesting Birds. Conejo Open Space Foundation, June 10, 2021. **Watch at:** <https://tinyurl.com/t296erkm>
- Cooper, D.S. 2019. Night birds of Los Angeles (presentation). *L.A. at Night (Series)*. Huntington-USC Institute of the West, November 16, 2019. Los Angeles, CA.
- Cooper, D.S. 2018. Natural history discoveries in Griffith Park, Los Angeles (presentation). *Los Angeles Zoo "Earth Eve"*. June 16, 2018. Los Angeles, CA.
- Cooper, D.S. and A. Jones. 2018. The Salton Sea: California's most imperiled wetland? (presentation) *American Ornithology Society (Salton Sea Symposium)*. April 14, 2018. Tucson, AZ.
- Cooper, D.S. 2017. Who knew? Floristic exploration of Griffith Park, the most driven-past park in the world (presentation). *43rd Southern California Botanists Symposium*. Oct. 21, 2017. Claremont, CA.
- Cooper, D.S. 2017. Malibu Lagoon: Results of Restoration, 2005-present (presentation). *The Wildlife Society: International Urban Wildlife Conference*. June 4, 2017. San Diego, CA.
- DeMarco, A. Aguilar, E. Torres, Cooper, D. and Muchlinski, A. 2016. Conservation of the western gray squirrel in Griffith Park, Los Angeles, CA (poster). *The Wildlife Society (Western Section)*. February 25, 2016. Pomona, CA.
- Cooper, D.S. and R.A. Hamilton. Nesting bird policies: We can do better (presentation). *The Wildlife Society (Western Section)*. February 25, 2016. Pomona, CA.
- Cooper, D.S. The California Gnatcatcher and (Coastal) Cactus Wren in the Santa Monica Mountains/Simi Hills: Two species on the edge (presentation). *Santa Monica Mountains Science Day*. October 8, 2015. Thousand Oaks, CA.
- Cooper, D.S. Botanical discoveries and insights in urban Los Angeles (presentation). *Theodore Payne Foundation*. January 10, 2015. Sun Valley, CA.
- Cooper, D.S. Shorebird conservation challenges on the Los Angeles River (presentation). *Ecological Society of America (Los Angeles River Symposium)*. September 10-15, 2014. Sacramento, CA.
- Cooper, D.S. California's Central Coast: Overview of Bird Habitats (presentation). *California Partners-in-Flight Conference*. April 8, 2014. Ventura, CA.
- Cooper, D.S., L. Hall and A. Searcy. The Coastal Cactus Wren in Ventura County (presentation). *Coastal Cactus Wren Symposium*. March 13, 2014. Safari Park, Escondido, CA.
- Cooper, D.S. Bird of Los Angeles: Adaptation, Invasion, Decline (presentation). *Greater Los Angeles Biodiversity Workshop (Series)*. Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County/The Nature Conservancy. January 23, 2014. Los Angeles, CA.

- Cooper, D.S., E. Boydston, and M. Ordeñana. It's Really Wild: Natural History of Griffith Park: 2013 update (presentation). *Los Angeles Public Library* (Los Feliz Branch). July 18, 2013.
- Cooper, D.S. Bringing Back the Beach: The Dockweiler Plover Fence (presentation). *Southern California Academy of Sciences Annual Meeting*. May 4, 2013. California State University, Long Beach, CA.
- Martin, K. (and 15 co-authors, incl. D.S. Cooper). A new approach to beach ecosystem health (poster). *VI International Sandy Beach Symposium*. June 23-28, 2012. Mpekweni, Eastern Cape, South Africa.
- Cooper, D.S. Rates of Return on Investment (If You Build It, Will They Come? The Novel Bird Community of the Ballona Freshwater Wetlands System, 2003-present) (presentation). *Southern California Academy of Sciences Annual Meeting*. May 4, 2012. Occidental College, Los Angeles, CA.
- Cooper, D.S. Bird species turnover in the "modern" Ballona Wetlands (presentation). *Ballona Wetlands Science and Research Symposium*. Dec. 8. 2010. Loyola Marymount Univ., Westchester, CA.
- Cooper, D.S. and D.A. Bell. Using rapid assessment of forest birds to compare conservation potential of coffee farms: Examples from Central America (presentation). *Joint meeting of the Cooper Ornithological Society, American Ornithologists' Union, and Society of Canadian Ornithologists*. Feb. 7-11, 2010. San Diego, CA.
- 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.
- Cooper, D.S. 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.
- Cooper, D.S. 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.
- Cooper, D.S. 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.
- Cooper, D.S. 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 (presentation). *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.
- Cooper, D.S. Fall migration of shorebirds along the lower Los Angeles River (poster). *27th Annual Meeting of the Western Field Ornithologists*. October 10-13, 2002. Irvine, CA.
- Cooper, D.S. A site-based conservation plan for California: Audubon's Important Bird Areas program (presentation). *26th Annual Meeting of the Western Field Ornithologists*. September 27-30, 2001. Reno, NV.
- Cooper, D.S. 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). *4th 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 20th Century Southern California*. Sept. 18-20, 1997. California State University, Northridge, CA.