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EDUCATION

B.S. 1998 Ecology and Systematic Biology. California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, CA

EXPERIENCE

1998 – Present Staff Biologist, The Institute for Bird Populations—Sierra Nevada Bird Observatory

Specializing in Sierra Nevada Bird Monitoring and Research, Database Management, GIS, and Website Development and Management

Project involvement includes (present and past):

- Black-backed Woodpecker Monitoring and Telemetry
- Montane Bird Community Response to Fire
- Sierra Nevada National Parks Landbird Monitoring
- Washington National Parks Landbird Monitoring
- California Statewide Burrowing Owl Survey
- Yosemite Willow Flycatcher Survey
- Sequoia/Kings Canyon Avian Inventory
- Olympic, Mount Rainier, and North Cascades National Parks Landbird Inventories
- Cuba Landbird Program
- Yosemite MAPS Project
- Sierra Meadows Project
- Yosemite Avian Inventory

AWARDS

Recipient of the 2014 Wings Across the Americas Research Partnership Award from the US Forest Service for work as Principal Investigator on the project “Monitoring and Conservation of Black-Backed Woodpecker in Burned Forests”.

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

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Siegel, R. B., **R. L. Wilkerson**, R. C. Kuntz II, J. F. Saracco, and A. L. Holmgren. 2012. Elevation ranges of birds at Mount Rainier National Park, North Cascades National Park Complex, and Olympic National Park. *Northwestern Naturalist* 93:23-39 doi: 10.1898/11-08.1

Wilkerson, R. L., and R. B. Siegel. 2011. Distribution and abundance of Western Burrowing Owls (*Athene cunicularia hypugaea*) in southeastern California. *The Southwestern Naturalist* 56:378-384.

Siegel, R. B., **R. L. Wilkerson**, J. F. Saracco, and Z. L. Steel. 2011. Elevation ranges of birds on the Sierra Nevada's west slope. *Western Birds* 42:2-26.

Saracco, J. F., R. B. Siegel, and **R. L. Wilkerson**. 2011. Occupancy modeling of Black-backed Woodpeckers on burned Sierra Nevada forests. *Ecosphere* 2:art31. [doi:10.1890/ES10-00132.1]

Wilkerson, R. L., and R. B. Siegel. 2010. Assessing changes in the distribution and abundance of Burrowing Owls in California, 1993-2007. *Bird Populations* 10:1-36.

Siegel, R. B., **R. L. Wilkerson**, and D. F. DeSante. 2008. Extirpation of the Willow Flycatcher from Yosemite National Park. *Western Birds* 39:8-21.

Pyle, P., A. McAndrews, P. Veléz, **R. L. Wilkerson**, R. B. Siegel, and D. F. DeSante. 2004. Molt patterns, and age and sex determination of selected southeastern Cuban landbirds. *Journal of Field Ornithology* 75:136 – 145.

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