

Tracker News

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Understanding Migration and Habitat Use: Skimming the Surface

Dear Customers and Friends,

We, at MTI, are consistently amazed and humbled by the work of researchers using our devices. Our semiannual publication of Tracker News highlights only a few of the many noteworthy projects. It's sometimes very difficult to choose which projects make the final cut. Next year will mark our 25th anniversary manufacturing animal tracking devices. As most of you know, many of the discoveries made during this time period have been groundbreaking. However, new breakthroughs continue to emerge, proof that we have only skimmed the surface of understanding what, when, where, why, and how animals move.

We are so grateful for our authors' willingness to share their results, many of which are yet to be published. Simon Cherriman informs us of his wedge-tailed eagle study; his documentary is not to be missed. Kate Goodenough provides an update on her work with black skimmers in Peru. In a multispecies study, Theunis Piersma describes his work on global flyways. In an effort to understand spawning in tropical eels, Robert Schabetsberger relays the results of his study in Vanuatu. Marla Steele, using GSM/GPS transmitters, reveals preliminary results on the migration patterns and never-before-seen behaviors of Pallas's fish eagles tagged in Mongolia. Thanks very much to the contributors for putting forth such great effort in presenting their work.

We realize that this issue was finished a few weeks later than usual, but better late than never. We hope you enjoy the articles and have a great summer (or winter)!

Sincerely,
Lance and the Team at MTI

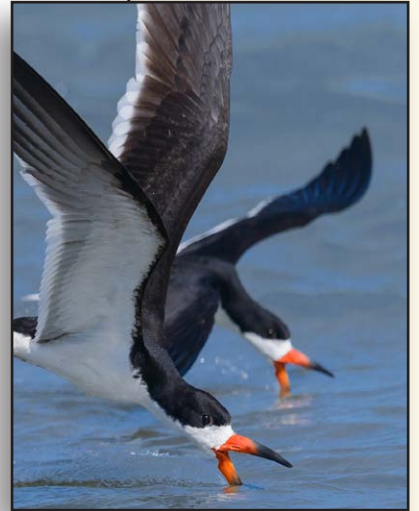


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Above: Pair of black skimmers search the water's surface for food.