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Front Cover Feature: The Elwha River restoration program, Washington, USA, is the largest dam removal project to date. McLaughlin and colleagues studied reciprocal relationships between birds and Elwha restoration. They forecast how birds may occupy restored habitats and assessed how birds could enhance restoration by dispersing native seeds to reservoir sediments, including sediments in the photo. Large woody debris is one of the few structural legacies of reservoir forests prior to dam construction, and it will play important restoration functions after dam removal. The photo shows about one third of the larger reservoir site, viewed from the nearly removed Glines Canyon Dam. Photo Credit: John Gussman.

Back Cover: The creation of landscape corridors is one of the most popular management strategies to restore ecosystem processes in fragmented habitats. Evans, Tewksbury and Levey evaluate seasonal differences in the effectiveness of corridors for promoting long-distance seed dispersal by birds in experimentally fragmented landscapes at the Savannah River Site National Environmental Research Park. Photo credits: Aerial view of one experimental landscape at the Savannah River Site—Ellen Damschen; Northern mockingbird (Mimus polyglottos) eating a black nightshade (Solanum americanum) fruit—Tomás A. Carlo.

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