

# A PRIMER OF CONSERVATION BEHAVIOR

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## ABOUT THE BOOK

Conservation behavior is the application of knowledge of animal behavior to solve wildlife conservation problems. The goal of this *Primer* is to nurture the development of biologists interested in using specific animal behavior conceptual and methodological tools to aid in solving biological conservation and wildlife management problems. While there are a number of excellent reviews and edited volumes that discuss the integration of behavior and conservation biology, there has been no practical guide fostering integration and showing how to apply these methodologies to issues that would benefit from an animal behavior perspective. This book is broadly aimed at biologists interested in or practicing conservation biology and wildlife management, including undergraduate and graduate students, conservation biologists, ecologists, wildlife managers, zoo personnel, animal behaviorists, and behavioral ecologists.

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Yellowstone Wolf Project, National Park Service

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—Bradley F. Blackwell, National Wildlife Research  
Center, US Department of Agriculture

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