

Dr. Matthew Reiter Biography

Dr. Reiter serves as Waterfowl Director for the Mono Basin Waterfowl Habitat Restoration Program and Research Director of the Pacific Coast and Central Valley Group at Point Blue Conservation Science. He holds M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in Wildlife Ecology and Conservation from the University of Minnesota, with a minor in Statistics. With more than 25 years of experience in applied wildlife and ecosystem research, Dr. Reiter specializes in waterfowl and shorebird ecology, wetland management, conservation biology, and the science-based management of migratory species. His work is grounded in strong partnerships with conservation organizations, resource managers, and government agencies, translating scientific research into practical conservation actions and management decisions.

Throughout his career, Dr. Reiter has led and collaborated on studies addressing migratory bird population dynamics, habitat requirements, and the effects of environmental change on wetland ecosystems. During his graduate research, he worked closely with the Mississippi Flyway Council to monitor Canada Goose populations in the Canadian Arctic and inform harvest management decisions. More recently, his work in California's Central Valley has helped develop strategies for optimizing water allocations to support migratory waterbird habitat in one of North America's most important wetland ecosystems.

His research continues to advance the conservation and management of migratory birds across the Pacific Flyway, helping resource managers balance ecological needs with competing demands on water and habitat resources.