**Author Questionnaire - Book**

**Author or Editor Name and Title of Book:**

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| **Spatial Capture-Recapture**  **J. ANDREW ROYLE**, USGS PATUXENT WILDLIFE RESEARCH CENTER  **RICHARD B. CHANDLER**, USGS PATXUENT WILDLIFE RESEARCH CENTER  **RAHEL SOLLMANN**, NORTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY  **BETH GARDNER**, NORTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY |

**Affiliation:** List the affiliation(s) of author(s)/editor(s) as they should appear in any promotions.

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| **J. Andrew Royle** received a PhD in Statistics (NCSU 1990), and is currently a Research Statistician at the U.S. Geological Survey's Patuxent Wildlife Research Center. His research is focused on the application of probability and statistics to ecological problems, especially those related to animal sampling and demographic modeling. His recent research has been devoted to the development of spatially explicit capture-recapture models as applied to camera trapping and DNA sampling in animal population studies. He has authored or coauthored more than 100 journal articles, and co-authored the books Hierarchical Modeling and Inference in Ecology and Occupancy Estimation and Modeling: Inferring Patterns and Dynamics of Species Occurrence, both published both published by Academic Press.  **Richard B. Chandler** is a post-doctoral research associate at the Patuxent Wildlife Research Center where he is engaged in the development of spatial models of population dynamics. His background includes extensive experience working as a field biologist and studying the ecology of migratory birds, a subject that formed the basis of his MS and PhD research at the University of Massachusetts Amherst. Another emphasis of his work has been the development of software to assist applied ecologists and conservationists by making the latest tools in statistical inference freely available. He also communicates his expertise in statistical modeling by offering international workshops on the analysis ecological data, including spatial capture-recapture data. He has published 16 peer-reviewed articles.  **Rahel Sollmann** holds a PhD in Biology from the Freie Universitat Berlin, Germany (2011). She is currently a Postdoctoral Research Fellow at the North Carolina State University, in the lab of Dr. Beth Gardner. She has been involved in a range of projects studying the ecology of neotropical carnivores and their prey using both invasive methods, such as live trapping and telemetry, and non-invasive methods, such as camera-trapping and scat surveys. She has worked for several years with the Brazilian NGO Jaguar Conservation Fund on the study and conservation of jaguars, particularly in central Brazil. Within this area of research, she has developed a special interest in the modeling of animal populations. Her current research focuses on spatial capture-recapture models and their application to different survey techniques and designs.  **Beth Gardner** received a PhD in Natural Resources from Cornell University in 2007. She worked as post-doctoral researcher at Patuxent Wildlife Research Center from 2007-2010 before starting her current position as an Assistant Professor of Wildlife Biology at North Carolina State University. Her recent research has focused on the development of spatial capture recapture models for camera trapping, DNA sampling, and resighting techniques. She has authored or co-authored more than 25 journal articles and has given many international seminars on topics related to estimation of demographic parameters in wildlife studies |

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| **This book provides a conceptual and methodological synthesis and revolutionary extension of capture-recapture methods for studying animal populations using data from live-trapping, camera trapping, DNA sampling, and related field methods.**  **The book is a comprehensive how-to manual with detailed examples of every relevant spatial capture-recapture model that can presently be fit based on current technology and knowledge. The book should serve as a resource for practicing field biologists who study animal populations and as a graduate-level text for students in ecology, conservation biology and fisheries and wildlife management**  **Not only do we provide a tightly integrated book that is broad in scope and extremely timely, but we provide extensive step-by-step analyses of many data sets using different software implementations. Our approach is practical, not dogmatic. We embrace Bayesian and classical inference strategies in order to give the reader different options to get the job done. We provide data sets, sample code and computing scripts in an r package to be expanded and maintained by the authors.** |

**Keyword Descriptions:** Please list a maximum of 6 keywords to describe the book to aid in discoverability via search engines.

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| **Population ecology, statistical ecology, capture-recapture, animal movement** |
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**Unique Selling Points:** Please list in order of importance the main features of the book that may include illustrations, writing style, subject matter, companion websites, authority or expertise of contributors, etc, and the benefit of these features to the reader.

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| **FEATURE** | **BENEFIT** |
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| Dozens of worked examples with software instructions – and R package | Readers can learn by doing. |
| timely treatment of cutting-edge technology | Methods of real practical importance that do not yet exist in the published literature |
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| **We will teach at least 2 workshops each year (abt. 30 people each) and expect that the book will be used in a graduate level class by Gardner** |

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| Ecological Society of America, The Wildlife Society |

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