



The Western Bird Banding Association, The Institute for Bird Populations, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service are inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Banding on the Pitaya Coast: Monitoring a coastal thornscrub forest & reflections on developing migration research with limited resources

A presentation by Mike Krzywicki

**October 21, 2021
2:00 PM Mountain Time (US)**

[Navopatia Field Station](#) is in the Costera Pitayal, a small area on the coast of Northwest Mexico where Organ Pipe Cactus grow at their densest concentrations. This unique habitat where the desert meets the sea is home to more than 250 bird species. Navopatia Field Station has studied the wintering bird community in the Pitayal since 2004, including 16 seasons as a [El Monitoreo de Sobrevivencia Invernal \(MoSI\)](#) operator. In this webinar I will briefly review Navopatia's research program, focusing on future directions. In December 2020 we joined the Motus network, a collaborative wildlife tracking program. This winter we will deploy tags on Green-tailed Towhee and possibly some other species. Field stations and organizations like Navopatia with established banding stations and research programs are an asset to researchers interested in migratory connectivity and wintering ecology. I will also review potential advantages of deploying tracking devices on bird's wintering grounds.

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