

New Mexico Ornithological Society

Friday Evening Presentation

Endangered Species Conservation: Is Habitat Preservation the Central Issue?

Speaker: Noel Snyder

Friday, 26 April 2013

7:00 P.M.

Global Resource Center, Western New Mexico University
Silver City, New Mexico

The New Mexico Ornithological Society (NMOS), in association with its 51st annual meeting to be held the following day (Saturday 27 April), is hosting a Friday evening presentation. **This talk is open to the public and all are welcome.**

Noel Snyder will discuss the varying role of habitat destruction in the demise or endangerment of several species of birds, including the California Condor, the Ivory-billed and Imperial Woodpeckers, and the Thick-billed and Puerto Rican Parrots.

Noel completed undergraduate degrees in biology and music at Swarthmore College and the Curtis Institute of Music, then went on to complete a Ph.D. program in evolutionary biology at Cornell University. In his biological career, he did some university teaching in Florida, and then led last-ditch programs of research and conservation for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on critically endangered species, including the Puerto Rican Parrot and the California Condor. In the late 1980s and early 1990s he led an experimental reintroduction program of the Thick-billed Parrot in Arizona for the Arizona Game and Fish Department and Wildlife Preservation Trust International.

In retirement he has coauthored a number of books on endangered or extinct birds, including the Puerto Rican Parrot, the California Condor, the Carolina Parakeet, and most recently, the Ivory-billed and Imperial Woodpeckers for the University of New Mexico Press. Also just out is a paper in *Zootaxa* that addresses the validity of William Bartram's controversial Painted Vulture. Since the 1980s, he and his wife, Helen, have been residents of Portal, Arizona.