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**Cover photograph:** This male western snowy plover (*Charadrius nivosus nivosus*) is one of the oldest known individuals inhabiting the threatened Pacific coast population segment in the United States. In 2014, he was 13 years old; during his tenure he has tended more than 50 nests. However, these attempts have resulted in only 10 fledged young, largely because of predation by corvids of eggs and chicks. The life of this bird exemplifies the conservation challenges that snowy plovers face across much of their coastal breeding habitat. In this issue, Luke Eberhart-Phillips, Brian Hudgens, and Mark Colwell investigate the influence of severe winter weather, dispersal, and predator management on patterns of spatial synchrony among plover populations of the threatened U.S. Pacific coast range. Image credit: Luke J. Eberhart-Phillips.

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