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Black kite. Iñigo Zuberogoitia.

In the modern world where we are surrounded by scientific and technological devices that enable us to live our daily lives in comfort and safety, we tend to forget that such advances come hand in hand with an excessive consumption of natural resources, the result of which is the deterioration of natural biodiversity. Many species of fauna and flora are disappearing or, at least, run the risk of disappearing if we do not correct our ways in the near future.

However, the same technological advances make it possible to develop research strategies applicable to the very species that we are endangering by providing us with the knowledge of aspects of ecology and behaviour that have remained hidden until now. Such tools will permit us to develop conservation models that can be applied at the same time as strategies for the management of natural resources.

This book is a compendium of the knowledge acquired concerning an emblematic group of European fauna – the forest raptors. Renowned specialists in the field reveal how we can learn from our past errors (and correct choices) to ensure the survival of these magnificent birds that live in an all too vulnerable environment.

We hope that the book will serve as a tool for future management and conservation measures to protect our forests, regardless of their origin or function. We also see this book as a way of sharing scientific information with members of the general public, who are concerned about these impressive but threatened species.

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