

—San Joaquin Kit Fox— Conserving A Valley Native

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The San Joaquin kit fox is one of many endangered species inhabiting the San Joaquin Valley. Kit fox numbers have been reduced to a fraction of their historic levels, primarily due to the conversion of kit fox habitat to agricultural, urban, and industrial uses. Despite its diminutive size, the kit fox is the largest of the many listed species in the Valley. Thus, it is an icon for endangered species conservation in the Valley and serves as an "umbrella" species in conservation efforts. In this talk, Brian Cypher



will review the species' life history and current status, and describe some of the recent efforts being conducted to conserve and recover this species. In addition to the efforts on the part of humans, he'll describe how the kit fox may be using its own adaptability to help itself!

Brian Cypher is the Associate Director and a Research Ecologist with the California State University – Stanislaus, Endangered Species Recovery

Program. His primary research interest is the ecology and conservation of wild canids. His research experience includes work on wolves, coyotes, gray foxes, red foxes, kit foxes, and island foxes. Since 1990, he has been involved in research and conservation efforts for endangered San Joaquin kit foxes and other sensitive species in the San Joaquin Valley of California.