



Presenters for Appalachian LCC Steering Committee Meeting



Rua Mordecai is the Science Coordinator for the South Atlantic Landscape Conservation Cooperative. He focuses on the technical details of integrating science and partners to help the cooperative define, design, and implement a shared vision of landscape sustainability. Before joining the staff of the SALCC in October 2010, he served as the Southeast U.S. Bird Monitoring Coordinator for the private, state, and federal conservation partnership Southeast Partners in Flight. He received his Ph.D. from the University of Georgia in 2007 for work on the distribution of species and communities at multiples scales.



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Rob Baldwin has been working in biodiversity conservation, inside and out of academia for about 20 years. He began his career as a research assistant at the National Zoological Park at the Smithsonian in Washington D.C. He began doing field studies and eventually taught for six years in a traveling, interdisciplinary field program that took him throughout the four deserts, the Pacific Northwest, and the Appalachian Spine. He was born in Washington D.C. and grew up on the coast of Maine. Rob attended Colby College, the University of Edinburgh (UK), George Mason University, and the University of Maine. Dr. Baldwin was a Robert and Patricia Switzer Foundation Environmental Fellow, and Leadership Grant recipient. He is also co-editor of the 2010 book *Landscape-scale Conservation Planning*