

# Acknowledgements



In 1974 the Rocky Mountain Forest and Range Experiment Station (USDA Forest Service) undertook a job at the request of Forest Service Region-3 headquarters to compile and store all available published information concerning wildlife species and their habitat for Arizona and New Mexico. David R. Patton accepted responsibilities as Project Leader for the Forest Service, working at the USFS-RM offices on the Arizona State University campus at Tempe. David E. Brown of the Arizona Game and Fish Department became not only a major collaborator but agreed to author and edit material for publication. As part of this effort the Arizona Game and Fish Department and Rocky Mountain Station published a detailed map [1978] on the Biotic Communities of the Southwest by David E. Brown and Charles H. Lowe.

The purpose of the map was to tie wildlife to recognized biomes to meet local assessment needs and for use by management at the regional level. As a result of the map there were many requests to document, in a publication, the physical and ecological description of the identified biotic communities. The effort to do this was officially started in 1977.

David E. Brown organized a group of experts to write chapters dealing with the various biomes and became chief author and editor for the unified work. He has authored or co-authored several major chapters and filled in the gaps between sections written by others. Throughout *Biotic Communities of the American Southwest — United States and Mexico* he is the author of all text not specifically attributed to other authors. Aside from authors in the Forest Service [David R. Patton and Charles P. Pase], collaboration came from Arizona State University (W.L. Minckley and James P. Collins), Desert Botanical Garden (Howard Scott Gentry), University of Arizona (Charles H. Lowe), and the U.S. Geological Survey (Raymond M. Turner).

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