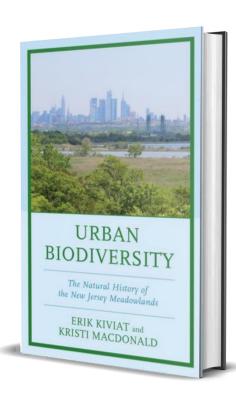
### **URBAN BIODIVERSITY:**

## THE NATURAL HISTORY OF THE NEW JERSEY MEADOWLANDS

## by Erik Kiviat and Kristi MacDonald



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