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Cover photograph: Despite many successes, the failure rate of animal translocations remains high. In this issue Sarah Withers *et al.* describe the first translocation of the North Island subspecies of New Zealand's smallest bird, the endemic Rifleman *Acanthisitta chloris granti*. They present an improved transfer methodology, using lessons learned from a previous translocation of the South Island subspecies *A. c. chloris* (pictured), which markedly improved survival from capture to release. They present a model that explicitly includes parameter uncertainty and demographic stochasticity to predict the population trajectory. Image credit: ©digitaltrails / Flickr.

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