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'Precious Heritage' draws together for the first time a quarter century of information on U.S. biodiversity developed by natural heritage programs from across the country. This richly illustrated volume not only documents those aspects of U.S. biodiversity that are particularly noteworthy, but also considers how species and ecosystems are faring, what is threatening them, and what is needed to protect the nation's remaining natural inheritance.
