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ARTICLES

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Give the scientific name at first mention of a species, **both** in the abstract and in the article. Scientific and English names of birds should follow the usage of the *AOU Check-list of North American Birds* (6th ed., 1983) or an authoritative source for other regions. Do not give subspecific identification unless it is pertinent and has been critically determined. When both the English and scientific names are given as a paragraph heading (e.g., in regional lists of species), put the scientific name first.

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Guidance. For further instruction, see the following:

- ALLEN, A. 1982. Steps toward better scientific illustrations. 2nd ed. Allen Press, Inc., Lawrence, KS 66044.
- CBE STYLE MANUAL COMMITTEE. 1983. CBE style manual. 5th ed. Council of Biology Editors, 9650 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD 20814.

DAY, R. A. 1983. How to write and publish a scientific paper. 2nd ed. ISI Press, 3501 Market St., University City Science Center, Philadelphia, PA 19104.

MACGREGOR, A. J. 1979. Graphics simplified/How to plan and prepare effective charts, graphs, illustrations, and other visual aids. Univ. of Toronto Press, Toronto.

O'CONNOR, M., AND F. P. WOODWARD. 1975. Writing scientific papers in English. American Elsevier, New York.

THOMPSON, W. L. 1979. Suggestions for preparing audiospectrograms for publication. *Condor* 81: 220-221.

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