

MARINE ORNITHOLOGY

INSTRUCTIONS TO AUTHORS

Marine Ornithology publishes full-length papers, short communications (usually less than three printed pages long), “forum” articles (papers on topics of general interest that express a particular viewpoint) and book, website and software reviews, on all aspects of marine ornithology world-wide. Contributions dealing with coastal or inland seabirds such as gulls, terns, cormorants and pelicans will also be considered. Review papers or commentaries on important or emerging topics in Marine Ornithology are encouraged.

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Submissions should be sent to the relevant editor (see page iv) as e-mail attachments. The e-mail should include the title of the paper and the names of the authors. The text and tables preferably should be in MSWord, or .rtf format. If another word processor is used, then an ASCII file of the text should also be submitted. Tables must be numbered in the order in which they are to appear, each on a separate page with the table number and title at the top.

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