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JOURNAL OF RAPTOR RESEARCH**CHECKLIST FOR PREPARATION OF MANUSCRIPTS***(check items and submit with manuscript)***I. GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS**

(Consult recent issues for additional guidance on format)

- Type manuscripts on one side of either 216 × 278 mm (8.5 × 11") or standard international size (210 × 297 mm) good quality paper (do not use erasable or light-weight paper). Word-processor-generated manuscripts must be done with a letter-quality or near-letter-quality printer. **DOUBLE SPACE THROUGHOUT** including title, text, tables, figure legends, and literature cited.
- Give the scientific name at the first mention of a species, both in the abstract and in the article. Scientific names of birds should follow the usage of the *AOU Check-list of North American Birds* (6th. ed. 1983 and subsequent supplements in the *Auk*) or an authoritative source corresponding to other geographic regions. Do not give subspecific identification unless it is pertinent.
- Use American spelling and *Webster's Ninth New Collegiate Dictionary* (1983, Merriam-Webster, Inc.) as a spelling authority.
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- Use "continental" dating (e.g., 10 July 1993, 1–3 June, 11 May to 11 June).
- Use 24-hour clock (e.g., 0800 H, 1345–1400 H).
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- Literature citations in the text are as follows:
 - a. One author—Jones (1993) or (Jones 1993)
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 - f. When citing several references within parentheses, separate with commas and put in chronological order, oldest first).
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- Assemble manuscripts for regular articles in this order. (1) title page, (2) abstract page, (3) text, (4) tables, (5) figure legends, (6) figures. **DO NOT STAPLE.**

II. TITLE PAGE

- Place full title 6–8 lines below top of page in all capital letters. Below title, center author's name(s) and address(es) followed by a running title (short title) not to exceed 30 characters. If the author(s) is/are currently at another location from where the work was done, use superscript number(s) following author(s) name(s) to indicate current address in footnote at bottom of the page. In multiauthored papers, indicate the author responsible for correspondence and requests for reprints. Give phone number and, if possible, FAX number and e-mail address of the corresponding author.

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- For regular articles, include an abstract of about 250 words in one paragraph that is completely without reference to the text. Be concise, include the paper's purpose, but emphasize the results. Statements like "results will be discussed" are not appropriate. The abstract will also be published in Spanish. Authors fluent in both languages are encouraged to include both versions, otherwise the *JRR* will provide the Spanish translation.
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- Follow instructions in section I.
- Main headings are all capital letters and flush with left margin.
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(Tables are expensive to print—keep them to a minimum and put each on a separate page—try to design them to fit a single column)

- Double space throughout. Assign each table an Arabic number followed by a period.
- Table titles must be complete sentences.
- Use same size of type as in text.
- Indicate footnotes by lowercase superscript letters.
- Do not use vertical lines.

VII. FIGURE LEGENDS

- Print all figure legends on one page, double spaced.
- Number using Arabic numbers consecutively in the same order the figures appear in the text (i.e., Figure 1, Figure 2, etc.).

VIII. PREPARATION OF ILLUSTRATIONS

(Illustrations are referred to as figures and include drawings, graphs, and black and white half-tones (photographs). CONSULT THE EDITOR IN ADVANCE ABOUT COLOR.)

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