
News, Notes, Comments

"Suggestions to Manuscript Authors" to be Updated

Please be advised that effective with *North American Bird Bander* (NABB) Volume 24 Number 1, the following will be implemented.

NABB is a peer-reviewed, quarterly publication of the Eastern, Inland, and Western Banding Associations and is abstracted by Biological Abstracts. No page charges are assessed. This journal welcomes papers, not previously published, on research on marked birds, molts, plumages, and morphometrics and capture techniques. These instructions apply to major manuscripts only; other sections of the journal follow a less formal style (see recent issues).

Please submit two copies of your manuscript, double-spaced, on 21.5x28 cm (8-1/2 x 11") paper with 2.5 cm (1") margins, to the editor for the banding association covering your area. All manuscripts should be organized into the following sections: Abstract (emphasize results, list species studied), Introduction (define problem, summarize appropriate literature), Methods, Results, Discussion, Acknowledgments, and Literature Cited.

Use metric units for all measurements. Capitalize the English names of all birds (but not other animals or plants) and give scientific name in italics at the first mention of each organism. When two species' names are used together (as Blue and Evening grosbeaks), do not capitalize the group name. Give time based on the 24-hour clock, as 0830 and use continental dating, e.g., 25 Nov 1988. Use Arabic numerals for numbers. When using statistics, cite a reference for the methods. Plumage nomenclature should follow Humphrey and Parkes (1959. An approach to the study of molts and plumages. *Auk* 76(1):1-31). Cite references in the text as: (Jones 1987) for one author, (Jones and Smith 1987) for two authors, and (Jones et al. 1987) for three or more authors.

In the Literature Cited section, arrange references in alphabetical order with several papers by the same author(s) arranged chronologically. Complete each reference (no ditto marks or lines). Use the following format: Jones, A.B., Jul. -Sep. 1998

C.D. Smith, and E.F. Johnson. 1987. Capturing California Condors. *N. Am. Bird Bander* 11:21-25.

For other details of style, format and abbreviations, see the C.B.E. Style Manual, 5th ed. (1983) and papers in this issue. When using information on birds banded by others, consult "Policy on Release of Banding and/or Recovery Data" in the North American Bird Banding Manual, Vol. 1.

Submit tables and figures on separate sheets, one per page. Submit photographs as glossy prints (return cannot be guaranteed). Slides are not acceptable. All photos will appear in black and white. Send originals of photographs and figures with the final, revised manuscript. For the final submission, include a computer-generated copy of the manuscript and any tables on diskette (if possible), plus a printed copy. Use Word or WordPerfect to prepare your final manuscript; use tabs and default settings only.

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Questions and assistance with manuscript preparation should be directed to the Regional Editor of your association (addresses on inside front cover).

Possible Key to Sexing Some Loggerhead Shrikes

Recent work with breeding Loggerhead Shrikes in eastern Colorado indicates a significant number of adult females show a pale patch on the base of the mandible. Banders working with adult Loggerhead Shrikes in all seasons should look for a patch similar to that found on female Yellow-breasted Chats. The patch may be horn-colored or lavender, perhaps even slightly pink. It seems slightly variable in size, from rather small to quite prominent. (Always sex females by brood patch if present. Caution: the patch is easily obscured by food residues.) Please forward observations to:

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