

SUGGESTIONS TO AUTHORS

Manuscripts.—Manuscripts intended for publication in *The Wilson Bulletin* should be neatly typewritten, double-spaced (*especially tables and "literature cited"*), with at least one-inch margins all around, and on one side of good quality white paper. Ribbon copies are preferred but xerographic copies will be accepted if in readable condition. The review process may be hastened if a duplicate copy (carbon or xerographic) is submitted. All pages should be numbered.

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Style and Format.—For general matters of style in preparing a scientific article authors should consult the "CBE Style Manual," 3rd Ed., Am. Inst. Biol. Sci., Washington, D.C. 1972. All MSS should be submitted in the general format used in recent issues of the *Bulletin*. Avoid footnotes, and avoid more than two levels of subject subheadings. Except in rare circumstances lead papers should be followed by a summary, not to exceed 10 percent of the length of the paper. Summaries should be informative when standing by themselves. Most units should be given in the metric system, and compound units should be given in one-line form (i.e. cm-sec⁻²). The continental system of dating (21 March 1972) and the twenty-four hour clock (09:00 and 22:00) should be used.

References.—If more than five papers are cited these should be included in a terminal "Literature Cited" section. Include only such references as are actually cited, and include only material that is available in the open literature ("In-house" technical reports and the like should not be cited). The style of citation can be obtained from recent issues of the *Bulletin*. For abbreviations of periodical names use the list given in "Biological Abstracts List of Serials," Bioscience Information Service, Philadelphia, Pa., 1968. If in doubt, do not abbreviate serial names. All references in "General Notes" and in long papers containing less than five references should be cited internally e.g. (James, *Wilson Bull.*, 83:215-236, 1971) or James (*Wilson Bull.*, 83:215-236, 1971).

Nomenclature.—Common names and technical names of birds should be those given in the 1957 A.O.U. Check-list (and such supplements as may appear) unless justification is given for departing from this list. For bird species in Middle and South America the *Bulletin* uses the common names appearing in Eisenmann, "Species of Middle American Birds," 1955 and Meyer de Schauensee "The Species of Birds of South America," 1966. Common names of birds should be capitalized.