

CHANGES IN FORMAT

In consultation with the Publications Committee, I have decided to revise the format of Major Papers and General Notes appearing in *The Wilson Bulletin*. The changes indicated below are effective immediately.

Authors submitting Major Papers should include an abstract rather than a summary in their ms. The abstract should be placed at the head of the text and should not exceed 5% of the length of the ms.

For Major Papers, the address of each author should appear as a numbered footnote at the bottom of the first page of text.

Authors submitting General Notes should place references in a terminal "Literature cited" section, unless fewer than 5 references are cited in the text. Manuscripts with fewer than 5 references should have internal citations, e.g., (James, *Wilson Bull.* 83:215–236, 1971) or James (*Wilson Bull.* 83:215–236, 1971).

More detailed instructions are in "Information for Authors," which follows this announcement.

I believe the above changes in format will strengthen the presentation of material in *The Wilson Bulletin*. They are also designed to make information published in the *Bulletin* more easily accessible by literature search and abstracting services.

As always, I welcome queries from authors concerning style and format during the preparation of mss for submission to the *Bulletin*. — KEITH L. BILDSTEIN, Editor.

INFORMATION FOR AUTHORS

The Wilson Bulletin publishes significant research and review articles in the field of ornithology. Mss are accepted for review with the understanding that the same or similar work has not been and will not be published nor is presently submitted elsewhere, that all persons listed as authors have given their approval for submission of the ms, and that any person cited as a personal communication has approved such citation. All mss should be submitted directly to the Editor.

Text. — Manuscripts should be prepared carefully in the format of this issue of *The Wilson Bulletin*. Mss will be returned without review if they are not properly prepared. They should be neatly typed, double-spaced throughout (including tables, figure legends, and "Literature cited"), with at least 3 cm margins all around, and on one side of good quality paper. Do not use erasable bond. **Mss typed on low-quality dot-matrix printers are not acceptable.** The ms should include a cover sheet (unnumbered) with the following: (1) Title, (2) Authors, their institutions, and addresses, (3) Name, address, and phone number of author to receive proof, (4) A brief title for use as a running head. All pages of the text through the "Literature cited" should be numbered, and the name of the author should appear in the upper right-hand corner of each. The text should begin in the middle of the first numbered page. For Major Papers, the address of each author should be given as a footnote at the bottom of the first numbered page. Three copies should be submitted. Xerographic copies are acceptable if they are clearly readable and on good quality paper. Copies on heavy, slick paper, as used in some copy machines, are not acceptable.

Tables. — Tables are expensive to print and should be prepared only if they are necessary. Do not repeat material in the text in tables. Tables should be narrow and deep rather than

wide and shallow. Double space all entries in tables, including titles. Do not use vertical rules. Use tables in a recent issue of the *Bulletin* as examples of style and format. Tables should be typed on separate unnumbered pages and placed at the end of the ms.

Figures.—Illustrations must be readable (particularly lettering) when reduced in size. Final size will usually be 11.4 cm wide. Illustrations larger than 22 × 28 cm will not be accepted, and should be reduced photographically before submission. Legends for all figures should be typed on a separate page. Photographs should be clear, of good contrast, and on glossy paper. Drawings should be in India ink on good drawing board, drafting paper, or blue-lined graph paper. All lettering should be done with a lettering instrument or adhesive transfers. Do not use typewriter or computer lettering. Designate the top of each illustration and label (on the back in soft pencil) with author's name, ms title, and figure number. Submit 2 duplicates or readable xerographic copies of each figure as well as the original or high-contrast glossy photo of the original.

Authors of accepted papers are urged to submit voucher photographs of their work to Visual Resources for Ornithology (VIREO) at the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia. Accession numbers from VIREO will then be published within appropriate sections of the paper to facilitate access to the photographs in subsequent years.

Style and format.—The current issue of *The Wilson Bulletin* should be used as a guide for preparing your ms; all mss must be submitted in that format. For general matters of style authors should consult the "CBE Style Manual," 5th ed., Council of Biology Editors, Inc., Bethesda, MD, 1983. Do not use footnotes or more than 2 levels of subject subheadings. Except in rare circumstances, major papers should be preceded by an abstract, not to exceed 5% of the length of the ms. Abstracts should be informative rather than indicative, and should be capable of standing by themselves. Most units should be metric, and compound units should be in one-line form (i.e., cm-sec⁻²). The continental system of dating (19 Jan. 1950) and the 24 hour clock (09:00, 22:00) should be used.

References.—In both major papers and general notes, if more than 4 references are cited, they should be included in a terminal "Literature cited" section. Include only references cited in the ms, and only material available in the open literature. ("In-house" reports and the like should not be cited.) Use recent issues of the *Bulletin* for style, and the most recent issue of "BIOSIS," BioScience Information Service, Philadelphia, PA, for abbreviations of periodical names. If in doubt, do not abbreviate serial names. Manuscripts with fewer than 5 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 1983 A.O.U. Check-list (and supplements as may appear) unless justification is given. For bird species in Central 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. The scientific name should be given at first mention of a species both in the abstract and in the text.

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