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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 lightweight 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.
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- 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* (7th. Ed. 1998 and subsequent supplements in the *Auk*) or an authoritative source corresponding to other geographic regions. Do not give subspecific identification unless it is pertinent. Capitalize first letter of words in complete common names for birds. Use lower case for all other common names.
- Use American spelling and *Webster's Tenth New Collegiate Dictionary* (1996, Merriam-Webster, Inc.) as a spelling authority.
- Leave at least a 25 mm (1") margin on all sides. Avoid hyphens or dashes at ends of lines; do not divide a word at the end of a line.
- Use a nonproportional font of at least elite size (4.7 characters/cm = 12 characters/inch) or 12 point, preferably Courier. DO NOT USE RIGHT JUSTIFICATION—LEAVE RIGHT MARGIN RAGGED.
- Use italic type for addresses, scientific names, journal names, and third level headings.
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- Use "Figure" only to start a sentence; otherwise "Fig." if singular, "Figs." if plural (e.g., Fig. 1; Figs. 2, 3; Figs. 4–6).
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- Use 24-hour clock (e.g., 0800 H, 1345–1400 H)
- Write out numbers one to nine unless a measurement (e.g., four birds, 3 km, 40 sites, 6 yr). Use 1000 and 10 000; 0.15 instead of .15; % instead of percent.
- Each reference cited in text must be listed in the Literature Cited section, and vice versa. Double check the accuracy of all entries—THE EDITORIAL STAFF CANNOT DO THIS FOR YOU.
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 - 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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- Place full title 6–8 lines below top of page in all capital letters. Below title, center author's name(s) in all capital letters 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 multi-authored 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

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- Include five to seven key words for indexing after the abstract.
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- Avoid citing references in the abstract. If they must be cited, include journal name, volume, pages, and year, all in parentheses.

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- Follow instructions in section I.
- Main headings are all capital letters and flush with left margin.
- Typical main headings for regular articles are: METHODS, RESULTS, and DISCUSSION. An introduction begins the text but does not have a heading.
- Put second-level headings in bold. Use normal indentation and capitalize first letter of each word in the second-level headline except prepositions and articles.
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- Type references in large and small capital letters, including all authors' names (e.g., NEMETH, N.M. AND J.L. MORRISON. 2002. Natal dispersal of the Crested Caracara . . . etc. . . .).
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- Do not list personal communications and unpublished reports.

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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.)

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- Table headings should be typed in large and small capital letters.
- 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.)

- Use professional standards in preparing figures; their reproduction in the JRR is virtually identical to what is submitted. Consult issues of JRR for examples and *Steps Toward Better Scientific Illustrations* (Allen Press, P.O. Box 368, Lawrence, KS 66044) for more information.
- Plan figures to fit proportions in the JRR, preferably for a single column—printed size is 72 mm for single column width, 148 mm for full page width or 195 mm for lengthwise figures. Figures should be submitted no smaller than the final size nor larger than twice the final size (on paper no larger than 216 × 278 mm (8.5 × 11") or standard international (210 × 297 mm).
- All graphics and images should be scanned at a minimum resolution of 300 pixels per inch (ppi). Line art should be scanned at 1200 ppi. Low resolution figures or graphics are not acceptable.
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- Photographs must be sharp, high-contrast,

glossy prints approximately the size that they will appear in print. If several photographs are to be included in one figure, group them butted together with no space between.

- Use the same style of lettering and presentation for all figures. Capitalize each word of axes titles except prepositions and articles.

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- Cover letter.
- Copy of this checklist completed.
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