

INSTRUCTIONS FOR CONTRIBUTORS

Subject matter

The *Natural History Bulletin of the Siam Society (NHB)* publishes articles and notes by anyone on natural history, ecology, systematics, evolution, geology, conservation, natural resource management or related fields, of relevance to Thailand or Southeast Asia. Contributors do not have to be members of the Siam Society.

Types of contributions

Letters (up to 2 pages) may be submitted by anyone on an issue of relevance to the contents of the *NHB*. They should be clearly written and concise. Letters may be edited, but authors will be notified if changes are desired.

Commentary (up to about 20 journal pages) may analyze issues or controversies of interest to readers, and express opinions or recommendations. Commentary-type articles should be authoritative, logical and based on factual information insofar as possible. Such articles will be sent to reviewers before publication.

Recent events (1/2 to 1 page) are brief reports of meetings, symposia, expeditions, research or conservation projects, government actions, and other happenings of interest. Events may be reported by any informed persons or participants.

Research articles (5–50 pages) constitute the majority of pages of the *NHB*. Research may be experimental, descriptive or theoretical, but in any case the significance of the findings must be discussed and related to previous work in the literature. All manuscripts are reviewed by at least two subject matter experts before acceptance for publication.

Notes (1–4 pages) are brief reports of research findings or observations of special interest. They are also sent to reviewers.

Reviews (usually 1–2 pages) may cover any publications of interest to readers, especially those dealing with Thai natural history or conservation.

Style

Research articles will normally be organized into the following sections: Abstract, Introduction, Methods, Results (or Observations), Discussion, Acknowledgments and References, but other headings (and subheadings) may be used if appropriate. Taxonomic papers usually follow the style used by the discipline of the author. Particularly long papers may have a Table of Contents at the beginning and a Summary of findings at the end. **Notes** are usually not divided into sections, except for References at the end. The first paragraph of a Note should contain a brief statement of the subject of the report, general findings and significance; later paragraphs should provide the details and a brief discussion.

Authors should examine a recent issue of the *NHB* for the style of citing references. The following are examples for a journal article and a book in normal typescript:

Round, P. 1993. Brambling, Fringilla montifringilla, a new species of bird for Thailand. Nat. Hist. Bull. Siam Soc. 41: 140–141.

Lekagul, B. and P.D. Round. 1991. A Guide to the Birds of Thailand. Saha Karn Bhaet Co., Bangkok. 457 pp.

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Figures

Line drawings should be neatly drawn and lettered in black ink and submitted as originals or clear photographic copies. They must be drawn so that all lettering will be large enough (1–2 mm high) after reduction to normal page width. Black-and-white photographs and color photographs (when color adds useful information) may be printed. Original color positive transparencies are preferred. Photos to be printed in black and white should be shot with black and white film; color print film often does not reproduce well in black and white. All figures should be numbered consecutively and be identified by the author's name. Figure legends should be typed in order on a separate page.

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