

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. Material submitted for publication in the *NHB* must not have been published in or submitted to any other journal.

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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 should 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.

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Style

Research articles will normally be organized into the following sections: Abstract, Introduction, Study area (if relevant), Methods, Results (or Observations), Discussion, Acknowledgments and References. Other headings and subheadings may be used if appropriate. Taxonomic papers may follow the style of the discipline of the author. Particularly long articles may have a Table of Contents at the beginning and a Summary 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.

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- 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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