

Instructions for Contributors to the *Natural History Bulletin of the Siam Society*

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.

Types of contributions

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

Recent events (1/2 to 2 pages) 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 person or participant.

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 qualified persons 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 for comments.

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, Key words, 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.

Authors should examine a recent issue of the *NHB* for the style of citing references. The following are examples:

- Round, P. D. 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.
- Rundel, P. W., and K. Boonpragob. 1995. Dry forest ecosystems of Thailand. Pages 93–123 in S. H. Bullock, H. A. Mooney, and E. Medina (eds.), *Seasonally Dry Tropical Forests*. Cambridge Univ. Press, Cambridge.

The editors reserve the right to alter manuscripts in the interests of clarity, brevity, and proper English usage. Manuscripts requiring significant changes will be returned to the authors for revision.

Manuscript preparation

Manuscripts should be typewritten neatly, double-spaced, on one side of ordinary A4 or similar size paper. Alternatively, manuscripts may be submitted by e-mail to the Honorary Editor. Times New Roman font is preferred; do *not* use fonts based on Thai versions of Windows. Submit three clear copies for review. The first page should contain the title, authors' names, the abstract, Key words, and the authors' addresses. Leave 3-cm margins for editorial comment. Leave the right margin ragged (not justified). Do not underline or italicize any words or headings except for scientific names of species. Do not type the names of authors cited in the text or References section in capitals. Each table should be typed on a separate page, with a descriptive title at the top.

The text file containing the manuscript should be submitted in Microsoft Word or compatible format, with references, tables, and figure legends at the end. The final corrected manuscript should be submitted on a CD or diskette (MS Word for Windows preferred), or it may be sent by e-mail to the editor. Figures may be submitted by e-mail also, preferably in jpg format, but back-up hard copies are also desirable and should be mailed after editorial review. Electronic figures with large digital files, as in tif format, should be mailed on CDs.

Figures

Line drawings should be neatly drawn and lettered in black ink and submitted as originals or produced with clear computer graphics programs. They must be scaled so that all lettering will be large enough (1–2 mm high) after reduction to normal page width. Black-and-white photographs or color photographs (when color adds useful information) may be printed. Original color positive transparencies are preferred if film is used. Photos to be printed in black and white must have sufficient contrast to make clear prints. All figures (including photos, maps, etc.) should be numbered consecutively and identified by the first author's name. Figure legends should be typed in order on a separate page attached to the end of the manuscript.

Charges

Printing costs are not charged to authors, except for color plates. The cost of printing color photographs or other figures will be borne by the author(s) if at all possible; the charge is 500 baht per page containing color.

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