

GUIDE TO AUTHORS

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Manuscripts should be submitted electronically as e-mail attachments in MS Word format. Manuscripts should be in English, double or 1.5 line spaced throughout, and have a margin of at least 3 cm on the left-hand side.

Where appropriate, articles should conform to the sequence: Title, Author's name and address, Abstract, Keywords, Introduction, Materials and Methods, Results/Findings, Discussion, Conclusions, Acknowledgments, References, Appendices.

The Title should be concise and informative.

The Abstract should not exceed 150 words, and should state concisely the scope of the work and give the principal findings.

Keywords to facilitate information retrieval, of up to 15 in number, should be chosen to outline the main subjects covered.

The Introduction, including a review of literature, should not exceed what is necessary to indicate the reason and significance of the work, and to provide the essential background. Abbreviations used may be explained at the end of the Introduction, or placed separately in a Materials and Methods section.

The International System of units should be used.

Numbers from one to nine should be spelt out and numerals used for numbers over nine. For associated groups, numbers should be expressed consistently, e.g. 5 to 10, not five to 10.

Systematic papers must conform to the International Codes of Zoological or Botanical Nomenclature, as appropriate, and should follow the recommendations of the respective Commissions.

Synonymies should be given in the short form (taxon author, date: page) and the full reference cited in the References section at the end of the paper. Subsequent citations of taxa given in synonymies should be separated from the original and from each other by an em dash (—) as in the following examples:

Acanthella pulcherrima.—Capon & Macleod 1988.

Bougainvillia balei Stechow, 1924: 58.—Stechow 1925: 199, fig. B; Watson 1996: 78.

(Note that a comma is only used between the original author and date of the taxon.)

In the general text, citation of taxonomic authorities (name only, no date) should be given when a taxonomic name is first mentioned; such citations should not be listed in the References.

List Material Examined in the sequence: country or principal geographic region, number of specimens (followed, in brackets, by data pertaining to these specimen(s) if necessary, such as sex, size, number of segments, condition), institutional acronym and registration number, detailed locality (in descending order), co-ordinates (in degrees and decimal minutes), depth / habitat, collector, date (with months written in full). Note that all data are separated by commas within a single entry.

An example for a terrestrial or freshwater lot would be — NORTHERN TERRITORY: 1 (male, 12 mm), NTM P.530, approx. 6 km S Oenpelli, 12°50.222'S, 130°50.222'E, in low-lying inundated loamy soil at base of boulders, coll. C.R. Dunlop, 26 September 1947. An example for a marine lot would be — NORTHERN TERRITORY: 1 (male, 12 mm), NTM P.530, Darwin Harbour, Lee Point, 12°50.222'S, 130°50.222'E, 5 m, in coarse sand pocket on coral reef, coll. C.R. Dunlop on R.V. *Calypso*, 26 September 1947.

Lengthy lists of Material Examined can be shortened to number(s) of specimens and institutional acronym and registration number as follows — NORTHERN TERRITORY: 1 (male, 12 mm), AM C.530; 1 (male, 12 mm), NTM P.5303; 5 (males), etc.

TABLES

Tables should be numbered with Arabic numerals and accompanied by a caption. Horizontal rules are inserted only above and below column headings and at the foot of the table. Footnotes to tables should be kept to a minimum and be reserved for specific items in columns. All other explanatory material should be incorporated in the caption.

ILLUSTRATIONS

Line drawings, maps, graphs and photographs are cited as 'figures' and are to be numbered consecutively with Arabic numerals for interspersation through the text. The author's name, abridged title of paper and figure number must be indicated on the reverse side of all illustrations. Captions should be together on a separate page, or pages, at the end of the text.

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CITATIONS AND REFERENCES

Citations of literary sources within the body of the text should include the author, year of publication and, where appropriate, page or figure references, e.g. Roth (1896: 23), (Roth 1896), (Roth & Smith 1896), (Roth 1896, 1898), (Roth 1896; Smith 1915: fig. 1). Citations should be ordered chronologically. Note that commas are not used in bibliographical citations (e.g. Roth 1896).

References should be arranged alphabetically and chronologically at the end of the paper. Journal titles must be given in full. Where an author has cited more than one work by the same author in any one year, the references should be appended with the letter (a), (b), etc. The following examples show the style to be followed:

- Brake, B., McNeish, J. & Simmons, D. 1979. *Art of the Pacific*. Oxford University Press: Wellington, New Zealand.
- Callen, R.A. 1984. Clays of the palygorskite-sepiolite group: depositional environment, age and distribution. Pp 1–38. In: Singer, A. & Galan, E. (eds) *Palygorskite-sepiolite occurrence, genesis and uses*. Elsevier: Amsterdam.
- Crowley, L.M. 1949. *Working class conditions in Australia, 1788–1851*. Unpublished PhD thesis. University of Melbourne.
- Sadler, R.A. 1990. A new species of scincid lizard from western Arnhem Land, Northern Territory. *The Beagle, Records of the Northern Territory Museum of Arts and Sciences* 7(2): 29–33.