

INSTRUCTIONS FOR AUTHORS

1. General features of manuscripts

- a) LARUS publishes: scientific ornithological papers presenting significant new facts, hypotheses and methodological approaches, short notes on interesting faunistic, ecological, ethological and similar observations and technical papers (reports).
- b) Papers are accepted on the understanding that they have not been published before and that they have not been offered for publication elsewhere.
- c) The scientific paper should be as concise as possible. The basic text (no references, tables and illustrations, photographs or drawings) should not be longer than 15 printed pages. Longer texts will be exceptionally accepted for publication if there is a specific reason or if the author covers additional expenses.
- d) The text of short notes should be concise (no more 3 printed pages). The text may be accompanied by figures, drawing, tables or photographs (black-and-white in print).
- e) Scientific papers should be written in English, while the short notes may be written either in English or Croatian.

2. Technical features of manuscripts

- a) Each scientific paper should consist of the following chapters: Abstract, Introduction, Material and Methods, Results, Discussion, Summary (extended) and References. The chapters should follow this sequence. The abstract should contain all important elements of the paper. It should consist of up to 200 words. Extended summary will be printed in Croatian (for foreign authors the translation will be prepared).
- b) Quantitative data can be presented in tables or diagrams.
- c) A short note consists of title, text, summary, and references (if the author quotes from another paper or a book). The summary should contain all important elements of the note. Notes written in Croatian should have the summary in English, and those written in English should have the summary in Croatian. Foreign authors are obliged to send the summary in English which will be translated by the Editor. The title should be written in both languages.
- d) The references should follow the alphabetic and chronological order. It is necessary to cite all authors of the same paper. On the other hand, if the paper written by several authors is cited in the text, use the first author's name and *et al.* formula. The references must not contain articles which were not mentioned in the text. Also, every article mentioned in the text must be cited in references.
- e) Literature should be cited as follows:

journal article: STOATE, C., SZCZUR, J., AEBISCHER, N.J. (2003): Winter use of wild bird cover crops by passerines on farmland in northeast England. *Bird Study* 50: 15 – 21.

book: CRAMP, S. (1983): *The Birds of the Western Palearctic*. Vol. III. Oxford University Press. Oxford.

chapter in a book: VATEV, I. (1997): Olive-tree Warbler *Hippolais olivetorum*. pp. 579 In: HAGEMEIJER, W.J.M & BLAIR, M.J. (eds.): The EBCC Atlas of European Breeding Birds: Their Distribution and Abundance. T & A D Poyser, London.

Only internationally accepted abbreviations of the journals can be used.

f) Figures and tables should be placed at the end of the article, not inside the text. They should be numbered to be associated with the text. Titles and descriptions should be written in both English and Croatian.

g) Scientific (Latin) names of species and subspecies in the text and in description of tables and figures should be written in *italics*. Scientific and English bird names should be taken from the recentmost BirdLife International taxonomy (<http://www.birdlife.org/datazone/info/taxonomy>). Croatian bird names should be taken from: Sušić, G. & Radović, D.: Hrvatska ornitološka nomenklatura zapadnog Palearktika i nekih vrsta ostalih zoogeografskih regija, page 213-263 in Meštrov, M & Sušić, G.: Ornitologija u Hrvatskoj, JAZU, Zagreb 1988.

h) All measure units used in the article must be adjusted to the SI system.

3. Submission of manuscripts

a) Manuscript must be submitted in electronic form, by e-mail: zzo@hazu.hr. Two referees should be proposed. If the manuscript does not follow instructions, it is sent back to the author.

b) The scientific papers are subject to review. If the review is positive, the paper will be accepted for publication. Otherwise, it is returned to the author. If the paper is accepted, but the Editorial staff has some remarks, the author will be informed. Short reports are not subject to review, and the chief editor decides whether they are accepted or not. If the report is not accepted, it is returned to the author.

c) The pdf version of the manuscript and one copy of LARUS containing the paper are supplied free to the authors.