



Instructions for authors

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Guidelines to contributors of Prithiviya

- *Manuscript Types:* Prithiviya publishes, original research articles, short notes, field notes, reviews and comments. Submissions should be in English (UK) only.
- All manuscripts should be easy to read and comprehend. Manuscripts may be edited for length, content and style, and be sent to referees when found to be appropriate. The editor will discuss contributions with authors and advise to be modified whenever required.
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- The editor will acknowledge manuscript contributions and assign them a unique registration number, which latter must be quoted in correspondence. Papers are peer-reviewed, although the editor reserves the right to reject one without a review.

Preparation and submission of manuscripts

1. Title page:
 - Add full title,
 - Author/s name and affiliation with email of all the Authors
 - Abstract (250 Words) and Key words (4-5)
2. Submitted manuscripts should generally follow the normal convention of scientific manuscripts, keywords, generally not appearing in the title, Introduction, Materials and Methods, Results and Discussion, Acknowledgments, Authors contribution (optional), Appendices (optional) and References) with the replacement or addition of sections allowed in between the Introduction and the Acknowledgments.
3. The manuscript should be typed in MS Word with left-aligned typesetting and only true type fonts (Times new roman preferable) should be used. The line spacing must be 1.5 and the font size of 12. Headings should be bold and sub-headings should be made italicized.



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Types of Manuscript

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- Scientific binomials should comprise the generic and specific names, but should not include the name of the author and year of citation. Scientific trinomials should be mentioned only if the nature of the manuscript requires them.
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suffice. English and scientific names should follow the proper book, that should be mention in reference and title of the table

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Journal articles

- Pittie, A., 2011. The dates of seven new taxa described by W. E. Brooks (*Certhia Hodgsoni*, *Sitta Cashmirensis*, *Dumeticola major*, *Horites [sic] Pallidus*, *Phylloscopus Tytleri*, *Motacilla Cashmirensis*, and *Alauda Guttata*). *Pruthiviya*7 (2): 54–55.
- Naoroji, R., & Sangha, H. S., 2011. Threats to habitat and wildlife in Changthang and Rupshu areas of Ladakh: a case study at Hanle. *Pruthiviya*7 (1): 2–6.
- Choudhary, D. N., Mandal, J. N., Mishra, A., & Ghosh, T. K., 2010. First ever breeding record of Black-necked Stork *Ephippiorhynchus asiaticus* from Bihar. *Pruthiviya*6 (3): 80–82.

Books

- Futehally, Z. (ed.) 2006. *India through its birds*. 1st ed. Bangalore, India: Dronequill Publishers Pvt. Ltd. Pp. i–ii, 1–214.
- Pittie, A., 2010. *Birds in books: three hundred years of South Asian ornithology—a bibliography*. 1st ed. Ranikhet: Permanent Black. Pp. i–xxi, 1–845.



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- Sashikumar, C., Praveen J., Palot, M. J., & Nameer, P. O., 2011. *Birds of Kerala: status and distribution*. 1st ed. Kottayam, Kerala: DC Books. Pp. 1–835.

Book chapter

- Pittie, A., 2011. Stray Feathers (1872–1899) (p. 247). In: Priority! The dating of scientific names in ornithology: a directory to the literature and its reviewers. Dickinson, E. C., Overstreet, L. K., Dowsett, R. J., & Bruce, M. D. (eds.). Northampton, UK: Aves Press Limited.

Website

- 2013. Kadalundi makes history with new gull species. *The Hindu* (Thiruvananthapuram ed.) dated February 7, 2013. Website: <http://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-national/tp-kerala/kadalundi-makes-history-with-new-gull-species/article4388171.ece>. [Accessed on 21 July 2014.]

Any magazine checklist

- Raman, T. R. S., 1994. Website URL: <http://ebird.org/ebird/view/checklist?subID=S21694571>. [Accessed on 15 December 2015.]

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