

JPE – Instructions for authors

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1. Title Page

The title page should include:

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Manuscripts should be written in **British English (BE)**. Linguistic usage should be correct and checked by a native speaker **BEFORE** submission.

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Please provide an abstract of no more than 250 words. The abstract should not contain any undefined abbreviations or unspecified references.

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Please provide up to **six** keywords which can be used for indexing purposes.

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Headings

Please use no more than three levels of displayed headings. **Please do not use italics, capital letters or small caps for any headings.** Stick to the established sequence of Introduction, Material and Methods, Results and Discussion. If desired the Results and Discussion sections may be amalgamated. Acknowledgments of people, grants, funds, etc. should be placed in a separate section before the reference list. The names of funding organizations should be written in full.

Abbreviations

Abbreviations should be defined at first mention and used consistently thereafter.

Units

Leave a **space** between figures and their unit, e.g.

300 m, 50 L, 0.66 mm etc. EXCEPT for temperatures: 20°C and percentages: 80%

Leave a **space** before and after an equality sign or similar, e.g.:

$N = 57$, $P < 0.001$ seed set = 8.15 ± 0.51 (mean \pm S.E.)

Use **capital, italic letters** for, e.g.:

sample numbers N , P-values P , F-values F

Use a comma to separate thousands, millions, etc.:

2,630 m a.s.l. 2,967,300 individuals

5.1 References

An automatic citation style for use with Zotero and other CSL 1.0-compatible clients can be downloaded from the [Zotero Style Repository](#). The style used for JPE is the same as for "Oecologia" except that in-text citations have "&" instead of "and" for two authors and except that JPE uses full journal titles in the reference list.

In-text citations

Cite references in the text by **name and year** in parentheses and order them **chronologically**. Separate two authors with "&". In case of more than two authors cite the first author's name plus et al. (NOT italicised!!). Separate several citations with ";;".

e.g. (Thompson 1990), (Kearns & Inouye 1993), (Heinrich 1975; Bawa 1995; Proctor et al. 1996).

Reference list

Entries should be alphabetized by the last names of the first author of each work. Use full journal titles.

Journal article

Kirk WDJ (1984) Ecologically selective coloured traps. *Ecological Entomology* 9:35-41.

Byrne DN, Buchmann SL, Spangler HG (1988) Relationship between wing loading, wingbeat frequency and body mass in homopterous insects. *Journal of Experimental Biology* 135:9-23.

Book

Moore PD, Webb JA (1978) An illustrated guide to pollen analysis. Hodder and Stoughton, London.

Book chapter

Kevan PG (1978) Floral coloration, its colorimetric analysis and significance in anthecology. In: Richards AJ (ed) *The pollination of flowers by insects*. Academic Press, London, pp 51-78.

Buchmann SC (1983) Buzz pollination in angiosperms. In: Eugene CE, Little RJ (eds) *Handbook of experimental pollination biology*. Van Nostrand Reinhold Company Inc., New York, pp 73-114.

Online document

Packer L, Owen R (2001) Population genetic aspects of pollinator decline. *Conservation Ecology* 5(1): 4. [online] URL: <http://www.consecol.org/vol5/iss1/art4/> (accessed June 2011).

5.2 Figures and Tables

Figure legends

Please group figure and table legends on a separate page following the references. Legends should be sufficiently detailed to enable the reader to understand the figure without reference to the text.

Example:

Figure 1. Number of thrips and estimated plant size in (A) 2012 and in (B) 2014.

Table 1. The abundance of thrips in different parts of the season, by species and lifestage.

Refer to figures in the text as “Fig. 1”, “Fig. 3A-C” or “Fig. 4A, D, E” for example. And to tables as “Tab. 1”.

Figures

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Figure parts should be denoted by uppercase letters in plain font (A, B, C, etc.). Figures should be designed to fit one-column size (8.0 cm) in width. When necessary, also two-thirds (12 cm) or two-column size (16 cm) is possible. Increase the font size of all labels and symbols so that they are clearly readable at these sizes. Do NOT use bold letters. Use a font sans-serif like e.g. Arial.

See example figure below.

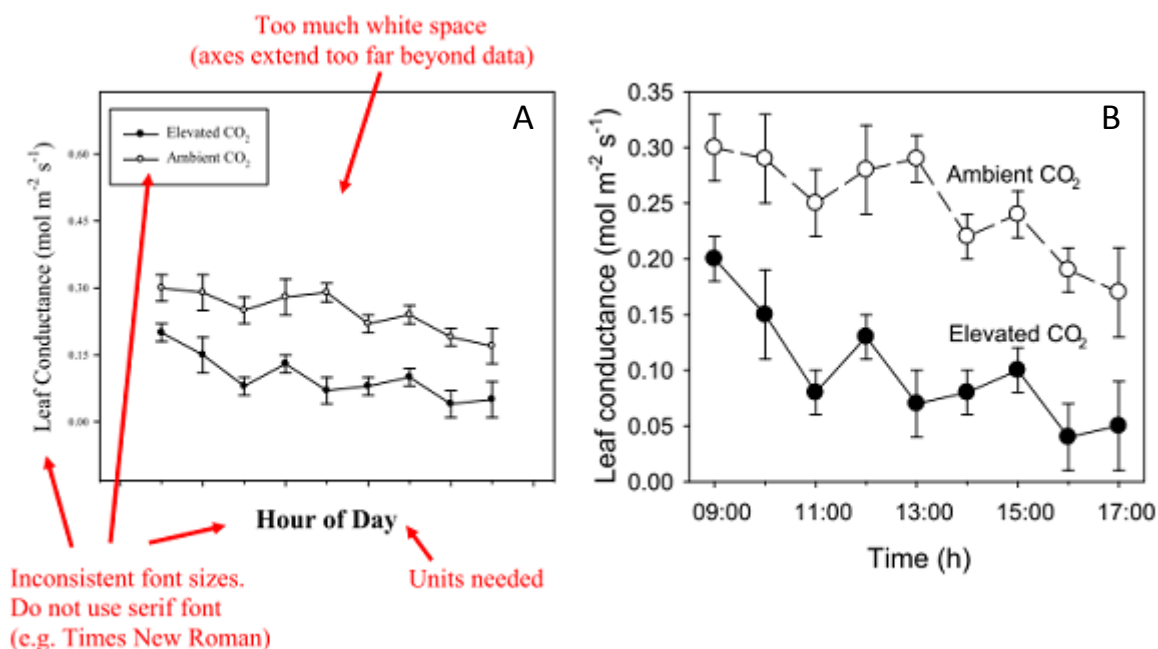


Figure 1. This is an example figure taken from the “Instructions for authors” of *Oecologia* showing (A) a poorly formatted figure and (B) a well formatted figure.

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All tables are to be numbered using Arabic numerals and placed on a separate page. **Don't use tab stops or blanks to separate columns!!!** Avoid combining cells, this makes formatting very difficult.

For each table, please supply a table heading. Tables should always be cited in text in consecutive numerical order.

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