

# *Ecological Monographs*

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## Summary of Length Limits by Submission Type

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Article	40	N/A	Yes	350	Yes	N/A
Comment	N/A	16	No	N/A	No	N/A
Concepts & Synthesis	40	N/A	Yes	350	Yes	Presubmission inquiry encouraged**
Method	40	N/A	Yes	350	Yes	Presubmission inquiry encouraged**
Monograph	40	N/A	Yes	350	Yes	(i) Presubmission inquiry required** (ii) Biosketch
Reply	N/A	16	No	N/A	No	By invitation only
Review	40	N/A	Yes	350	Yes	Presubmission inquiry encouraged**

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\*\***Presubmission inquiries** to the [Editorial Office](#) are **encouraged** for the following submission types: Review; Method; Concepts & Synthesis. Presubmission inquiries are **mandatory** for submissions to the Monograph section. A presubmission inquiry must contain a short summary with no more than 300 words that describes the rationale and/or main findings of the manuscript and highlights its new insights. Figures (1 or 2) can be included in presubmission inquiries but are optional. Please do include a short list of 5 to 10 references that indicate the intended scope of the manuscript.

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## Article

“Articles” published in *Ecological Monographs* are research papers reporting results from complex, original observational, experimental, or theoretical studies that by their very integrated nature defy dissolution into shorter publications focused on a single topic or message. The latter are more appropriately submitted to *Ecology*, *Ecological Applications*, or *Ecosphere*.

## Comment

A “Comment” points out errors of fact or interpretation in an article that was previously published in *Ecological Monographs*. See our [guidelines for Comments \(PDF\)](#) for more information.

## Concepts and Synthesis

“Concepts and Synthesis” papers shape future trends and directions in ecological research by presenting new frameworks or concepts, going well beyond works being reviewed. The ideas developed in these papers can be controversial, but they should be substantiated with a quantitative analysis and/or a brief case study. We particularly encourage papers that synthesize knowledge and concepts across ecological and evolutionary disciplines, and spatial and temporal scales, thereby providing new perspectives on long-standing questions or current debates.

## Method

“Method” papers document new technological or analytical developments or compare existing methods while providing guidance and recommendations for best practices and future use.

## Monographs

“Monographs” are essays written by a single author on a given topic. These papers communicate opinions from leading scholars in ecology and evolution. They are free form and can be purely conceptual but demonstrate outstanding scholarship and critical thinking on old or new debates, or on the development of a research discipline or topic. These articles are accompanied by a biosketch which appears in the Supporting Information section as Appendix S1. “Monographs” are either directly invited or invited following the submission of a presubmission inquiry.

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## Review

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