

Occasional Papers of the Museum of Natural Science Instructions for Authors

Scope: The Occasional Papers will consider submissions dealing with any aspect of natural history authored by MNS staff, students, and associates. Staff time is limited, so your careful efforts to format according to these guidelines will be appreciated.

Formatting:

- Follow the general format of recent issues
- Always use the Oxford comma
- Use of Latin abbreviations should not be italicized. For example, use “e.g.,” and “i.e.,” and “et al.”. Note the comma with the first two, but not with the last.
- Section headers are all caps and bold.
- Subsection titles are indented, italicized, sentence case, and followed by an en-dash.
- Include a running head ≤ 60 characters (including spaces) on the title page.
- Use standard U.S. spelling (i.e., Acknowledgments, not Acknowledgements).

Literature Cited: Cite references in text as follows:

Loricariid species-richness is matched by the incredible diversity of habitats these fishes occur in, and the remarkable body shape variation they exhibit (Covain and Fisch-Muller 2007; Lujan and Armbruster 2012; Lujan et al. 2015).

-Note that in-text citations are (1) sorted temporally, (2) separated by a semi-colon, (3) nothing is italicized, (4) no commas separate author names from year, and (5) the ampersand is forbidden.

ANGULO, A., GARITA-ALVARADO, C.A., BUSSING, W.A. & LÓPEZ, M.I. 2013. Annotated checklist of the freshwater fishes of continental and insular Costa Rica: additions and nomenclatural revisions. *Check List* 9: 987-1019. <http://dx.doi.org/10.15560/9.5.987>

ARMBRUSTER, J.W. 2004. *Pseudancistrus sidereus*, a new species from southern Venezuela (Siluriformes: Loricariidae) with a redescription of *Pseudancistrus*. *Zootaxa* 628: 1-15. <http://dx.doi.org/10.11646/zootaxa.628.1>

Figures: Figures should be submitted as separate files in an appropriate file type (i.e., vector graphics should not be converted to raster). Raster graphics should be submitted as .tiff or .jpg, with a minimum resolution of 300 dpi. Vector graphics should be submitted as .pdf or .eps. Graphics should be submitted at a size appropriate for publication. All labels need to be legible at this size. Include figure legends at the end of the manuscript text.

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