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'Elepaio Journal

Submission Guidelines: General Publications

(For scientific manuscripts, see our [Scientific Research Submission Guidelines](#))

The *'Elepaio* is a bi-monthly peer-reviewed journal, published by the Hawai'i Audubon Society, an independent nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization founded in 1939. The *'Elepaio* publishes significant and original scientific research, reviews, stories, and issues of interest about Hawaiian Island birds to the broad scientific and general community.

Send all manuscript submissions to office@hiaudubon.org, with the subject:
'Elepaio - General Manuscript Submission

Submissions to the *'Elepaio*

Manuscript submissions should align to support our mission and vision:

Hawai'i Audubon Society's mission is to foster community values that result in the protection and restoration of native wildlife and ecosystems and conservation of natural resources through education, science, and advocacy in Hawai'i and the Pacific.

Our vision is to educate children, fund projects, and continue our goal of making Hawai'i Audubon Society the go-to source of information about Hawaiian Island birds.

We look for a broad range of stories about birds and birding, yet also those that shed light on technological innovations, environmental challenges, policy, economics, development, activism, or culture—and how they interrelate with conservation for Hawaiian Island birds.

Here are some general manuscript category examples:

- applications of conservation science for management, policy, or educational goals
- topics important to decision making, planning, and implementation of conservation
- innovative solutions to issues involving Hawai'i's birds
- education, including applications or outcomes that provide opportunities for learning
- service and volunteer stories and content
- accounts of advocacy journalism
- bird news, fun and/or surprising tales, and observations
- investigative questions with answers about bird behaviors and/or lifestyle)
- interesting and unexamined topics
- reprinted articles and publications, updates, and press releases from partner, research, scientific, and government organizations
- creative expression: creative stories, poetry, art, or other creative works related to our mission, or to Hawai'i Audubon Society as an organization, including experiences with our programs, projects, members, staff, volunteers, or partner organizations
- historical bird conservation perspectives
- traditional Hawaiian land & water stewardship

We encourage authors who are uncertain whether their manuscript is appropriate to send a summary for preliminary evaluation.

Format of Manuscripts

- Submit manuscripts in Microsoft Word, using APA style format
- Include page numbers for review and feedback purposes
- Images connected to manuscripts should be submitted in high resolution format (300 dpi). If submitting images please include 3-5 images, each as a separate .jpg file. All or some images may be used in the final publication depending on space requirements.
- Submit manuscripts in English or 'ōlelo Hawai'i. Where 'ōlelo Hawai'i is used, also provide an English translation or rigorous paraphrase. Use Hawaiian language diacritics (kahakō and 'okina) for all text in 'ōlelo Hawai'i, except when it appears otherwise in direct quotation
- Species and Place Names: Hawaiian names for species and places are preferred. At first mention of a less commonly known place name, include the commonly used name in parentheses: e.g. Ka'ōhao (Lanikai). At first mention of a species, include the common English name, the scientific name, or both. Capitalize common English bird names, ex.: White Tern, not white tern. Italicize scientific names
- Footnotes are not permitted
- Define abbreviations at first appearance in the text. Do not use non-standard abbreviations unless they appear at least 3 times in the text. Use minimal abbreviations.

Word Limits

Due to limited space, please keep general submissions between 750-2000 words. If you have several images or photographs we ask that you limit your word count to 1,000. The publication timing of a manuscript is dependent on length and space limitations, in connection with other manuscripts up for publication.

Submissions must also include:

- Cover letter, including:
 - Affiliation and contact information for yourself and any corresponding author(s)
 - A brief explanation of why the work is appropriate for *'Elepaio*
- Individual figure and/or image files attached separately in high resolution format (300 dpi)

Review Process

If the editor determines the manuscript topic is appropriate for the journal and meets standards of content and presentation, the *'Elepaio* Review Committee will evaluate the manuscript for revisions and final approval. If the manuscript is approved, the managing editor will be in touch for revisions and set a return deadline.

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