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We welcome submissions to *Ecological Restoration* from any part of the world. Submissions should relate to the restoration of plants, animals, ecological communities, or landscapes. We understand ecological restoration to be a multidisciplinary and diverse effort and welcome manuscripts considering ecological, social, and cultural aspects of restoration, as well as political, economic, legal, philosophical, and regulatory issues, urban restoration, and other subjects related to the ongoing development of the endeavor of ecological restoration. Relevant topics also include techniques and tools for planning, site preparation, species introduction, undesired species control, and monitoring. Manuscripts dealing with plant or animal community composition or general ecology must relate the work explicitly to ecological restoration practice and theory. Similarly, material dealing with reclamation or rehabilitation in a broader sense, or with restoration for economic purposes—economic forestry, range management, waste disposal—must be connected to ecological restoration. Material may be submitted for the following categories (listed as they are encountered in the journal):

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Authors of notes, full-length articles or reviews should submit their material online at <http://er.msubmit.net>. Manuscripts must be submitted with a cover letter. Questions about the online submission site, or general inquiries may be emailed.

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Authors can expect to work closely with the editors to prepare manuscripts for a broad audience. The editors reserve the right to edit for style and clarity.

Style

Ecological Restoration reaches readers with a wide variety of backgrounds and interests. Practitioners of ecological restoration are both a core audience and source of contributions to ER. Contributors should use a straightforward style free of unnecessary technical terms and jargon. We prefer the active voice (for example, “We measured three trees” instead of “Three trees were measured”). While we publish the standard research publication format (literature review, methods, results, discussion), we encourage alternative formats. These include case studies with well developed discussions of lessons for the general ecological restoration community, or articles on a specific study, beginning with a brief overview and relevance to a broader group of readers and including a discussion of the practical applications for ecological restorationists and their work.

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Manuscript Format

We appreciate full-length manuscripts kept below 5,000 words, although we will accept longer pieces when appropriate. Restoration Notes are generally a maximum of 1,500 words and may include up to two accompanying graphics. Book reviews are typically 800–1,000 words.

- Manuscripts must be in English, Times New Roman, 12 point font.
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Capitalize major words. Example: Engaging Birds in Vegetation Restoration after Elhwa Dam Removal.

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- Titles, headers, and subheaders are capitalized and in bold type. Subheaders are also italicized. No headers for Restoration Notes.
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- Use metric measurements.
- Spell out each acronym the first time it is used in the text and captions: e.g. warm-season grasses (WSG).
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