

Notice to contributors

Wildfowl publishes, once a year, papers and shorter communications dealing with the biology and conservation of the wildfowl (Anseriformes), of their wetland habitat and of ecologically associated birds, such as waders. Review-type articles on recent progress in the various fields are particularly sought. They, and original papers, should not be highly technical but written so that they are understandable by workers in other fields, and by intelligent laymen.

Contributions should be type-written, double-spaced and with good margins, on one side of the sheet. Tables should be typed on separate sheets together with their titles. Drawings and diagrams should be done in indian ink on good quality drawing paper, or on faintly ruled grey or blue graph paper. Lettering and numbering that form part of the diagram should be entered in pencil, as the publishers will ink these in in the correct style. Titles and captions should be typed separately. Drawings and diagrams should be prepared about twice or three times their printed size and allowance made for this reduction. When laying out tables and diagrams the proportions of the page should be borne in mind. It is preferable for them to fit horizontally on the page, either single or double column width, though exceptionally they may take a full page lengthways.

Authors are particularly requested to follow the conventions of style and layout used in *Wildfowl*. English names of birds should have a capital letter for each word, except after a hyphen, e.g. Tufted Duck, Red-crested Pochard, but group terms should not, e.g. whistling ducks, swans. Scientific names should be underlined (but not put in brackets) and used immediately after the first

mention of the English name. Nomenclature and classification should follow *A Coloured Key to the Wildfowl of the World* (Scott, 1957, as revised 1968). Dates should take the form 1 January 1968, and winter seasons the form 1968-1969. It is especially helpful if reference lists are set out correctly, and these should take the form:

Salomonsen, F. 1968. The moult migration. *Wildfowl*, 19: 5-24.

Scott, P. & Boyd, H. 1957. *Wildfowl of the British Isles*. Country Life, London.

References within the text should be in the form 'Salomonsen (1968)' or '(Salomonsen, 1968)'.

A short summary mentioning the main conclusions, and suitable for abstracting, should be given at the end of all papers.

Proofs of all contributions are sent to authors for checking and it would be appreciated if these could be returned promptly. After publication, 25 reprints are offered free to authors of papers; further reprints, charged at cost, can be provided if ordered when proofs are returned.

Photographs of wildfowl (black and white, of good contrast and printed on glossy paper) are welcomed, either as illustrations to papers or for publication in their own right. The latter may be of species rarely portrayed, or interesting action studies of birds, wild as well as tame. Records of birds in eclipse plumage and in their natal down are also solicited. Even if these are not published immediately the Trust seeks to build up a comprehensive reference file of wildfowl photographs for which prints will be gratefully received. Photographers retain the copyright on their work.