



DESCRIPTION

Aims and scope of the journal

Biodiversity and Natural History (formerly Boletín de Biodiversidad de Chile) is a peer-reviewed, open-access and e-journal published by the Centro de Estudios en Biodiversidad de Chile (Center for Studies in Biodiversity). The journal publishes both high quality hypothesis-driven studies and purely descriptive studies that contribute to improve our understanding of biodiversity and natural history on all kinds of taxa, environments and spatial scales (local, regional or global)

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Frequency: Two volumes per year

Highlights

- There are no page charges
- There is no charge for figures in color
- Articles are immediately published after acceptance
- The journal publishes manuscripts written in both English or Spanish

Types of papers

Biodiversity and Natural History publishes the following article types:

- **Research articles:** studies reporting original and previously unpublished work. The extent of an article usually should not exceed 12,000 words
- **Short communications:** articles reporting concise but complete descriptions of a limited investigation. The extension of these articles does not exceed 2,500 words

- **Reviews and Monographs:** an article that provides up-to-date information on a particular research topic or that communicate an updated and comprehensive analysis of the taxonomy and/or distribution of a particular taxon. These kinds of articles have no limit in size.
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To be considered

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Organization of manuscripts

“Research articles” and *“Reviews and Monographs”* should be divided in the following sections:

- 1) Title page
- 2) Abstract
- 3) Introduction
- 4) Materials and Methods
- 5) Results
- 6) Discussion
- 7) Conclusions
- 8) Acknowledgements
- 9) References
- 10) Figures and Tables

The sections: *“Results”*, *“Discussion”* and *“Conclusions”* can be merged into one section called *“Results and Discussion”*. *“Short communications”* must be written using a continuous style, without subtitles excepting for the sections *“Abstract”*, *“Introduction”*, *“Acknowledgments”* and *“References”*

1) Title page

The Title page should include the title of the manuscript, first name(s) in full and surname(s) of author(s) and the institutional address(es) where the work was conducted. The postal address for correspondence, Fax and E-mail should also be given. The **title** should be short and informative, clearly indicating the issue of the study

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The abstract should state briefly the purpose of the research (i.e., hypotheses/objectives), the principal results and major conclusions. An abstract is often presented separately from the article, so it must be able to stand alone. For this reason, References should be avoided, but if essential, then cite the author(s) and year(s). Also, non-standard or uncommon abbreviations should be avoided, but if essential they must be defined at their first mention in the abstract itself. The abstract should not exceed 250 words. Immediately after the abstract, provide a maximum of eight keywords. **Do not repeat the terms and words already written in the title.** Please, also provide an abstract and keywords in Spanish if the manuscript is written in English and vice versa

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Provide sufficient detail to allow the work to be reproduced. Methods already published should be indicated by a reference. Only relevant modifications should be described

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This section reveals the results obtained after performing the methods mentioned in the previous section

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This section should be used to compare the results shown along the manuscript with the findings of other similar researches. In addition, this section should be used to indicate the limitations as well as the new questions that open the present study. All statements and comparisons must be supported by ad hoc references

7) Conclusions

This section should be used to briefly highlight the main findings of the manuscript. If needed, this section could be merged with the “*Results*” and “*Discussion*” sections

8) Acknowledgements

This section may include all persons, institutions and/or projects that contributed in some way to the development of the study

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Journal

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Book

Smith, H.G. 1978. The distribution and ecology of terrestrial protozoa of sub-Antarctic and maritime Antarctic islands. *British Antarctic Survey* 95, Cambridge, UK.

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Meisterfeld, R. 2002. Order Arcellinida Kent, 1880, In: Lee, J.J., Leedale, G.F., Bradbury, P. (Eds.). *An illustrated guide to the protozoa, second edition, vol. 2.* Society of Protozoologists, Lawrence, Kansas, USA. pp. 827-860.

Web sites

Platnick, N.I. 2007. The world spider catalog. American Museum of Natural History. <http://research.amnh.org/entomology/spiders>. Last accessed May 10, 2015.

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Fig. 1. Curvas de acumulación de especies calculadas en función del tiempo.
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