

Monographs in North American Lichenology

Instructions for Authors

Purpose

Northwest Lichenologists aims to produce a series of reasonably-priced, peer-reviewed, paperback academic books on lichens, with a focus on topics of regional interest, such as generic monographs, annotated state lists, ecological works, local floras, and symposium proceedings. Our purpose is to provide an outlet for very long papers and books of wide interest that are too long for regular scientific journals. Volumes will be produced sporadically. We expect 0-2 volumes per year.

Content

Suitable topics: Works on any aspect of lichenology will be considered. Single papers or sets of related papers submitted as a unit can be published in a single volume. The topic should be considered of sufficient interest to be financially viable.

Originality: The content should be original research. Synthesis volumes, review papers, and papers on methodological topics will be considered. Workshop reports and works for a lay audience should be published elsewhere.

Geographic regions: We particularly encourage works with strong regional content. The regions of concern in order of priority are first, the Pacific Northwest from Alaska to northern California and inland to western Alberta and Montana; second, western North America; and third, North America.

Length: ca. 50-400 pages.

Format

- Paperback binding
- Consistent page size: 7 ¼ x 10" (18 x 28 cm)
- Consistent, simple cover design incorporates title, author, and illustration.
- Font and heading formats are chosen by the authors and editors, but we encourage consistency of format by consulting recent issues. We suggest 10 pt Times Roman as the normal text font.

Financial support

Monographs of modest length in small printings may be self-supporting, but monographs with color plates will require outside financial support. The letter of acceptance for a submission will include a statement of the financial terms of the agreement. Page charges may be requested for projects that are not expected to be self supporting based on sales.

Cost to purchasers: Sales manager and NWL treasurer will set the purchase price based on printing costs and expected sales.

Managing Editor: The managing editor works on a volunteer basis and is appointed by NWL Board of Directors.

Editor: Each project will have a special editor, appointed by the managing editor, as needed for particular projects. In some cases the managing editor may serve as the project editor.

Synopsis of steps for publication

1. Author consults with managing editor about suitability of proposed project (contact NWL secretary-treasurer, currently Bruce McCune (bruce@salal.us) or see www.nwlichens.org).
2. Author submits detailed proposal for consideration of NWL Editorial Board
3. After preliminary approval by the Editorial Board, they appoint an editor for the project and authors prepare electronic printer-ready copy for review. Authors should consult with the editors on formatting details.
4. Editor solicits peer review by two readers.
5. Iterate until project is acceptable or declined by the editor.
6. Printer-ready copy sent to managing editor, then to printer.

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