



## Guidelines for contributors

### Scope:

We are interested in anything related to BLNG, BLNG outings, birding-related travel, interesting observations of birds and their behaviour, and the conservation of birds and their habitats. Contributions can be in the form of articles, photo essays or a single photo with a descriptive caption. Potential cover photos are always needed (ideally a close-up of a single bird, with some space above and below the subject, uncropped and high-res). Questions that we can pose to experts as the basis for a short article are also welcome.

### Length:

There is no length restriction; the average article ranges in length from 1 000 to 2 000 words.

### Text:

Please submit all articles in Word, not as a PDF.

### Photos:

Photos should be submitted separately (not embedded in the Word document), and at their original resolution (preferably at least 1 MB in size as a general guideline, and not exceeding 10 MB, except in the case of potential cover photos), even though they will not be displayed at high resolution in the final publication. As the overall resolution of the entire document is reduced to create the final product, images originally inserted at low resolution can then appear as very low-quality images when published. Photos should preferably be in jpeg format.

### Photo captions and credits:

Please include a list of captions at the end of the article for all the photos submitted, and number the photos accordingly. The caption must include the name of the photographer to be credited.

### Copyright:

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