



## Ornithology Research: present and future

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We are pleased to present the Volume 30 of *Ornithology Research*, with a new editor-in-chief, Dr. Sandra Hartz. Since 2020, when *Ornithol. Res.* started to be published in partnership with Springer-Nature, it has been increasingly recognized in the ornithology community as a leading publication in the Neotropical region. Bugoni (2020) presented a comprehensive review of the long history and key steps of the journal, with the first volume edited in 1990 as *Ararajuba*, and later as *Revista Brasileira de Ornitologia*. Bugoni worked as editor for 6 years through the journal (2016–2021) implementing several changes and moving *Ornithol. Res.* towards a new standard level.

In these 2 years as *Ornithology Research* in the new format, we expanded the visibility of the journal globally, and the overall level of submissions has substantially increased. We received 224 manuscripts since then, with several still under review, and had published 70 papers. Figure 1 presented the analysis of all papers published in the journal within the last two years, using scientific words appearing in paper titles and the free software <https://www.wordclouds.com/>. We can identify some patterns regarding the articles

published in *Ornithology Research*: (1) Most studies are still from Brazil, despite the journal is open to, and intend to expand to cover the entire Neotropical region, as well as studies from all continents; (2) Papers are usually focused on species rather than on subjects (e.g., extinction, dispersion, diversity, conservation, phylogeny); (3) Natural history studies, and then several on breeding biology as the leading topic. Such straightforward analysis suggests that there is an avenue for growth in several areas, within the journal's scope.

This is the current *Ornithology Research* reality. How about the future? We will work to increase the international relevance of the journal, with associate editors from all continents. Targets include reduction on the review time, from submission to first decision, which already had been reduced substantially in comparison with the period before 2020. We especially welcome articles that develop new concepts, reviews, and methods and identify general patterns, with continued attention to good studies on life history, filling gaps in our current knowledge of basic biology of bird species in the wild. We hope that the increase of the impact factor in comparison to *Rev. Bras. Ornitol.* (which reached over

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