

Abstract Submission

The Raptor Research Foundation invites oral and poster abstracts for our annual scientific conference. The conference will be hosted by the Birds of Prey Programme, Endangered Wildlife Trust, and BirdLife South Africa, 12th–16th of November 2018, in Kruger National Park, Nombulo Mdluli Conference Centre, South Africa. Presentations on any aspect of raptor biology, ecology, research techniques, conservation, and management are invited.

You may submit more than one abstract. Submit all abstracts via the [conference website](#). Cover letters are not needed. Make sure you have your abstract, title of your abstract, and author information (including emails and affiliations) ready before you submit. Follow the format explained and exemplified in the Sample Abstract below. Failure to properly format abstracts may result in rejection or return to authors for reformatting.

The deadline for submission of papers is **31 July 2018**, concurrent with the deadline for extended abstracts for [Andersen Award candidates](#).

Andersen Award candidates should read carefully the requirements for submission.

Authors of accepted abstracts will be notified via email by **15 Sept 2018**. Andersen Award candidates will be further notified via email whether their papers will be included in the Andersen Award competitive oral session, in a general oral session, or in the Andersen competitive poster session. Prior to the conference, all authors will be provided with a follow-up email with links specifying the room, date and time of their presentations.

Questions regarding symposia and general abstracts should be directed to Beth Wommack (email: ewommack@uwyo.edu).

Questions regarding Andersen Awards should be directed to Clint Boal (email: clint.boal@ttu.edu).

General questions regarding the conference should be directed to André Bothe (email: andreb@ewt.org.za).

Oral Sessions

Oral presentations include either full-length talks (20 minutes including questions) or Speed Talks (10 minutes including questions). Papers must be presented in English, and electronic presentations must be in Powerpoint® format, for display on conference computers. Conference computers and organizers will be available to load presentations during the ice-breaker reception, and prior to the initiation of oral sessions during each day of the conference. Loading of presentations must occur during these times. Presentations prepared on computers running software other than MS Powerpoint for Microsoft Windows will need to be converted prior to uploading on conference computers.

Poster Sessions

Posters will be mounted on 3' x 4' panels (vertical x horizontal). Materials for hanging posters will be available. All posters must be prepared in English. Poster presenters are required to attend their poster during the poster session.

Sample Abstract

Pattern of Juvenile Dispersal in an Uninhabited Continent: Spanish Imperial Eagles

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Read this paragraph carefully and adhere to the formatting requirements exactly. Abstracts should summarize findings, not methods. Type the title first, using upper and lower case letters as shown above. Do not use abbreviations in the title. After the title, type the first author's name followed by institutional affiliation, city, state or province, and country. The body of the abstract should be one paragraph of no more than 300 words, single-spaced throughout, as illustrated here. Do not indent the first line of text. After the first use of the common name of each species mentioned, write the scientific name in italics and parentheses. Capitalize the common names of all birds. If scientific names are included in the title, do not repeat in the body of the abstract. Use italic type only for scientific names. Spell out whole numbers less than 10 unless accompanied by a unit (e.g., 3 cm or 1%). Use metric units. Use the following abbreviations without spelling them out: hr, min, sec, yr, mo, wk, d, km, cm, mm. Use continental dating (e.g., 10 July 1975) and the 24-hr clock (e.g., 1300 H). Italicize the following abbreviations: n, P, F, G, k, R, r², t-test, U-test, Z, z. Use Roman type for these abbreviations: AIC, ANOVA, CI, df, SD, SE. Please reference the instructions to authors for the Journal of Raptor Research, or a recent issue of the Journal of Raptor Research for any details not specified here (<http://www.raptorresearchfoundation.org/publications/journal-of-raptor-research/submission-guidelines>).