NAOC 2020
Oral Presentations & Posters
Abstract Submission Form

***Please be aware that you must respond to all mandatory questions (indicated by the red asterisk) even if you want to save the form as a draft. You can always update these fields later before your final submission.

PRESENTATION INFORMATION

1. Enter the names and contact info of the authors of this presentation.

   Please be aware that up to 12 authors per presentation may be included in the list of Abstracts. However, only the first six for each presentation will be included in the conference program book due to space limitations. Take this into consideration when identifying your list of co-authors and their chronological order (i.e., co-authors 7-12 will not likely be listed in the program book at all).

   Please enter the authors’ first, middle, and last names in the format that you want them to show up in the conference program book. If an author wants to be listed by their middle name, put their first initial only (e.g., "R.") in the box for First Name and their middle name, the name that they go by, in the box for Middle Name (e.g., "Michael"). Also, if an author does not have a middle name, enter NONE in that box. To ensure consistency in the final conference program, please follow any initials with a period (e.g., Nancy K. Smith).

   1st Author - First Name *
   1st Author - Middle Name or Initial
   1st Author - Last Name *
   1st Author - Primary Institution *
2. Which author is presenting? *

3a. Please provide the personal pronoun preference for the presenting author. *
This information will help conference organizers and session moderators use the most respectful language when introducing the presenter.

3b. If you selected “A pronoun not listed,” please provide the pronoun here.

4. Title of presentation (125-character limit)
Please enter the title as it should appear in the program and abstract book. It is recommended that you avoid putting scientific names in the title unless it is critical. Titles should not exceed 125 characters. Please be aware that the field box below does not automatically limit your title to the appropriate character length. The Scientific Program Committee may take editorial liberties with your title, particularly if it exceeds the character limits, to ensure it fits within the space constraints of the program and abstract book.

5. Abstract (250-word limit)
Please be aware that the field box below does not automatically limit your abstract to the appropriate word length. It is recommended that you use an external word processing program (e.g., Microsoft Word) to ensure that your abstract conforms to the maximum word requirements.

Your abstract must be entered in plain text format. This text box does not support formatting of any kind. Please do not insert HTML coding as this will generate an error and prevent you from properly saving or submitting your entry.

6. Please indicate your preferences for the three presentation formats (15 min talk, 5 min lightning, and poster).

1st Choice *
2nd Choice *
3rd Choice *

7. Please indicate your top 4 choices of topical areas in which your presentation best fits.
Possible subject areas include the following: Abundance, occupancy; trends; Annual cycle; Behavior; Biodiversity; Birds & agriculture; Breeding biology; Breeding bird survey; Biodiversity; Citizen science/tolerance communication; Climate; Community ecology; Conservation; Development & growth; Disease; Parasites; Ecosystems; Ectoparasitology; Emerging tools; Endocrinology & hormones; Evolution; Evolutionary ecology; Foraging; Food habits; Generalist ecology; Genomics; Habitat change/relationships; Human dimensions/coupled
1st Choice *

Abundance, occupancy, trends
Annual cycle
Behavior
Biography

2nd Choice *

Abundance, occupancy, trends
Annual cycle
Behavior
Biography

3rd Choice *

Abundance, occupancy, trends
Annual cycle
Behavior
Biography

4th Choice *

Abundance, occupancy, trends
Annual cycle
Behavior
Biography

8. Special needs for your presentation (e.g., I will require wheelchair assistance).

9. Notes to the Scientific Program Committee.

10. Are you willing to chair your session or a different session?

11. Is your presentation part of an organized symposium within the conference (i.e., you were invited to give a presentation by the symposium organizer and were provided with a symposium ID number)?

If yes, please complete the next section for Symposia Presentations.

**SYMPOSIA PRESENTATIONS**

The following section should be completed by presenters who are submitting an abstract for a talk that is part of an organized symposium around a central theme.

12. If you answered yes to question 11, please indicate which of the following accepted symposia your presentation belongs. The name of the symposium lead organizer is listed in parentheses.

13. If you answered yes to question 11, please enter the ID number that was provided to you by the organizer of the symposium.

**STUDENT STATUS**

14. Please indicate the student status of the presenting author.

15. If the presenter is a student, what is the presenter’s anticipated graduation date (month and year)?

   Anticipated Graduation Month:

   Anticipated Graduation Year:

16. Does the presenter wish to be considered for any student presentation, travel, NSF, or diversity & inclusion travel awards?

   If yes, please continue with the remainder of the questions (17-23). If no, you do NOT need to answer any of the
STUDENT PRESENTATION AWARD COMPETITORS

17. If the presenter is a student and the abstract is accepted, would the student like to be considered for a Student Presentation Award? 

To be considered, you must be: 1) the primary author and presenter of the paper, and 2) a current member of one of the societies providing awards. Eligible students include graduates who have completed a degree since 1 May 2019 and individuals between degree-seeking programs. Preference for inclusion in the competition is given to students in the final phases of completing their research, regardless of educational stage, as opposed to those presenting preliminary findings. [Click here](#) for more information.

18. If you answered YES to Question 17, indicating your desire to be considered for a Student Presentation Award, please answer the following questions (a-f):

18a) Is the submitted abstract principally on the subject of conservation?

18b) Is the submitted abstract principally on the subject of avian behavior?

18c) Has the presenter previously received a student presentation award at an NAOC or any of the other partner societies?

18d) If yes, what was the year and awarding society of all awards?

18e) If yes, what was the student’s status when the most recent award was won?

18f) Selection criteria for participation in the Student Presentation Award competition differs slightly depending on degree program and relative stage of research. If you recently began a new degree (e.g., PhD) but are presenting on research conducted as part of a previous degree (e.g., MS), please enter your previous degree and graduation date below:

Previous Degree
Previous Graduation Month
Previous Graduation Year

TRAVEL AWARD APPLICANTS

19. Would the presenter like to be considered for a student or post-doc travel award? *

To be considered, you must: 1) present a talk or a poster, and 2) be a member of a contributing NAOC society at the time of the conference (contributing societies include AOS, WOS, AFO, SCO, and BirdsCaribbean). Eligible students include graduates who have completed a degree since 1 May 2019 and individuals between degree-seeking programs. Post-doc travel award applicants must be a member of the AOS, be currently employed as a post-doctoral researcher, and be ineligible for student travel awards (i.e., graduated before 1 May 2019). [Click here](#) for more information.

20. The US National Science Foundation has provided generous funding specifically for Puerto Ricans. Are you a student or early professional (<10 years since terminal degree) who is Puerto Rican (broadly defined to include anyone who self-identifies as Puerto Rican, regardless of citizenship or residency)? *

If yes, please continue and fill out applicable parts of questions 21-23.

21. NAOC, with support from AOS and AFO, is actively broadening student and post-doc travel awards to celebrate and encourage diversity and inclusion at ornithological meetings. Would the presenter like to be considered for a Diversity & Inclusion Student Travel Award? *

The Diversity & Inclusion Student Travel Awards will be aimed toward supporting individuals from underrepresented groups and those who have made significant contributions towards furthering a diverse and inclusive field.
22. If the presenter answered YES to Question 19, Question 20, OR Question 21, please answer the following questions (a-i):

22a) Name of presenter's academic advisor/supervisor

22b) Email address of presenter's academic advisor/supervisor

22c) If the presenter is currently a student or is between degree-seeking programs, please upload a copy of a signed letter from the presenter's academic advisor/supervisor, on university letterhead, indicating the student is in good academic standing. Click here for a template of the required letter. Applicants between degree-seeking programs should submit a signed letter from their previous supervisor, indicating that the applicant intends to re-enter a degree program in the future. Please note that letters are NOT required for post-doc applicants.

22d) How much is the presenter requesting for travel? (In whole US$ only)

22e) Please provide an itemized list, with expected costs in US$, of how the funds will be used. Please note: Budget requests can only include estimated costs associated with travel to and from the annual meeting. Eligible expenses are limited to airfare, shuttles/taxis/Uber, gas, etc. Non-travel related costs (e.g., meeting registration, lodging, etc.) cannot be included in the budget request.

22f) Where will the presenter be traveling from (city, state/province, and country)?

22g) Has the presenter previously received a post-doc travel award from AOS?

22h) Has the presenter previously received a Diversity & Inclusion travel award from AOS?

22i) Some of the travel funds are being supported by the US National Science Foundation (NSF) and can only be awarded to US citizens and permanent residents. Therefore, we are asking you to provide information on your citizenship status. This information will only be used to determine eligibility for a subset of travel award funds and will not be retained after funding decisions are finalized.

Note: This information is NOT required. However, applicants who do not provide the requested information or are not US citizens or permanent residents will not be eligible to receive travel awards supported by NSF.

Are you a US citizen or permanent resident?

23. If the presenter answered YES to Question 21 and is applying for a student Diversity & Inclusion travel award, please share a perspective you bring or experiences you’ve had to help us understand you better—perhaps related to a community you belong to or activities you’ve engaged in that foster diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Please keep your essay to a maximum of 250 words.