

California Native Grassland Association

Types of *Grasslands* Journal Articles

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Visit a Grassland

Typically, a mid-length article that highlights a grassland site in California that can be visited by the public. Articles tend to describe interesting features of the site as well as directions, links for more information, a one or more photos of the site. *[Recent example: Spring 2018, pg. 20]*

Getting to Know a Grassland Researcher

Short to mid-length article written in an interview style that highlights the work of a grassland researcher, including academic faculty, students conducting grassland research, agency or non-profit scientists, land managers, and others. A photo of the person (preferably in the field/lab) should be included. *[Recent example; Spring 2018, pg. 11]*

- What is your study system? What are your primary research goals?
- Who is your audience?
- Who has inspired you, including your mentors?
- How has or will your research promote the mission of CNGA “to promote, preserve, and restore the diversity of California’s native grasses and grassland ecosystems through education, advocacy, research, and stewardship”?
- Why do you love grasslands?

Species Spotlight

Short- to mid-length articles highlighting one or more grassland species. At least one high-quality photo should be included, with permission if photo is not taken by author. Relevance to applied conservation should be emphasized. *[Recent example: Spring 2018, pg. 6]*

Conservation Highlights

Short to mid-length articles focusing on conservation issues associated with grasslands and grassland species.

Research Overview

Short to mid-length articles summarizing results of original grasslands-oriented research published elsewhere that will be of interest to readers. Original articles should be clearly cited. Any reproductions of figures or photos should be negotiated with authors of the original study. *[Recent example: Summer 2016, pg. 11]*

Original Research

Mid- to longer-length articles that present the results of original research not published elsewhere. These articles should strike a balance between communicating rigorous scientific methods and results and being approachable to the diverse audience of *Grasslands* readers. To reduce length and improve readability, detailed methods and results can be added as appendices. Figures communicating results (e.g., regression plots) are not discouraged, but should be

balanced with at least one photo of the study site or species. Contact the Editor with any questions about original research articles. *[Recent example: Winter 2018, pg.3-6]*

Opinion Pieces

Short to mid-length articles describing personal experiences, non-replicated restoration projects, summaries of management methods and outcomes, etc.

Workshop Summary

Short articles written by Board members or non-Board workshop leaders that highlight recent workshops put on by CNGA. These articles should emphasize contributions by volunteers, and include at least one photo from the workshop in addition to a quote from a participant. *[Recent examples: Spring 2016, pg. 2; Summer 2016, pg. 3]*

Conference Announcements or Summary

Short articles that highlight upcoming or past conferences of interest to Grasslands readers, especially those in which CNGA has a role. Typically written by Board members. *[Recent examples: Summer 2016, pg. 2; Spring 2018, pg. 19]*

Hybrid Articles

Articles of any length that blend elements of the above-listed article types. *[Recent examples: Summer 2016, pg. 9; Spring 2018, pg. 3]*

Letters to the Editor

Short responses or rebuttals to previously printed articles will be considered. No “responses to responses” will be considered for publication, but new articles of related material may be considered.

Photographs

High-quality color photographs of grasslands, people in grasslands, or grassland species are always accepted. Details of the photograph should be included: when the photo was taken, who took it, and a reasonably amount of detail about the subject (species, location, explanation of what is happening, etc.).

NOTE: Acceptance or rejection of any types of articles is at the discretion of the editor, and is considered within the context of the type of article and the statements made therein. All article types are peer-reviewed to ensure they fall within the article type category for which they were submitted, to ensure the clearest conveyance of the author’s intended message, and to ensure accuracy.

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