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### Summary of Length Limits by Submission Type

Submission Type	Manuscript length limit*		Abstract required?	Abstract length (words)	Key words required?	Additional requirements
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Article	50	N/A	Yes	350	Yes	N/A
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Concepts & Synthesis	50	N/A	Yes	350	Yes	N/A
Reply	N/A	16	No	N/A	No	By invitation only
Review	50	N/A	Yes	350	Yes	N/A

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## Article

Articles published in *Ecological Monographs* are original research papers documenting complex, original observational, experimental, or theoretical studies that by their very integrated nature defy dissolution into shorter publications focused on a single topic or message. The latter are more appropriately submitted to *Ecology*, *Ecological Applications*, or *Ecosphere*.

## Comment

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## Concepts and Synthesis

The Concepts and Synthesis section publishes papers that conceptually advance the field of ecology. These papers are expected to go well beyond works being reviewed and include discussion of new directions, new syntheses, and resolutions of old questions.

## Review

Reviews should be comprehensive and synthetic papers that establish new benchmarks in the field, define directions for future research, contribute to fundamental understanding of ecological principles, and whenever possible, derive principles for ecological management in its broadest sense (including, but not limited to, conservation, mitigation, restoration, and pro-active protection of the environment).

Reviews should be more than simple compilations of facts and overviews of the literature. Rather than focusing only on the recent literature and highlighting trendy topics, a Review should reflect the development of a topic and encompass relevant natural history, observational and experimental data, analyses, models, and theory.