

MALAYSIAN NATURALIST CONTRIBUTOR GUIDELINES

The readership of the *Malaysian Naturalist* magazine is varied, ranging from students to retirees, but all share a keen interest in Malaysian wildlife and environmental conservation matters. The magazine is sent to all members of the Malaysian Nature Society (MNS), and is available at newsstands nationwide.

ARTICLE ATTRIBUTES

- Articles on the various aspects of nature and conservation in Malaysia are welcome, but articles about the surrounding region should be related to Malaysia.
- Contributors are encouraged to use the magazine as a forum for their views and for highlighting issues of interest, so long as the articles are well crafted and well researched. *Please see the 'Topics' section below for more on the type of stories that are welcome.*
- The Editor is willing to discuss the possibility of creating a short series, if the subject or issues are unusual and interesting.
- The magazine does not publish fiction.
- The length of a feature story varies, but an article of 1,800-2,500 words, typed double spaced on one side per sheet, is ideal.
- Lengthier pieces should be discussed in advance with the Editor.

FEATURE TOPICS

The magazine appreciates queries and submissions on a variety of Malaysian topics:

- *Natural history:* Subjects the magazine has covered in the past include wasps, pangolins, elephants, and tigers. Articles may cover life cycle, traditional range, behaviour and current research in a non-technical style. Anecdotes, quotes, humour and first-person accounts may enhance the article.
- *Personal essays:* Although this is an interesting genre, it requires first-rate writing skills. A writer might focus on a particular insight into the natural world, an aspect of conservation or recreation in the outdoors.
- *Special places:* This can be about a variety of interesting natural areas in the country, particularly those that have important or unique wildlife habitats.
- *Environmental issues:* Conservation and wildlife management issues are also welcome, e.g. endangered natural areas, pollution or other threats to wildlife or Malaysia's environment would be of interest. However, thorough research and accuracy are critical.

ILLUSTRATIONS

- Articles should be accompanied by colour slides, photographs, maps or other relevant visual material, with captions.
- For high quality magazine reproduction, slides or transparencies shot on film are best.
- If providing digital photographs, please ensure that these are first taken at the camera's maximum resolution setting.
- If providing scanned images, please scan at a minimum resolution of 300 dpi.
- Digital files must be provided separately, i.e. not embedded in the document.

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- In their own interest, authors should retain a complete copy of the manuscript and illustrations, identical in every respect to the material submitted. While every reasonable care is taken, MNS bears no responsibility for material which may be lost, whether in transit or during production.

ACCURACY

It is the responsibility of authors to ensure information they submit is accurate. The opinions expressed in the magazine are those of the author and not necessarily those of MNS.

SUBMISSION

- Articles should be submitted in hard copy (one set) and on a computer diskette or via email as a Microsoft Word document. This will not be returned to you.
- Please note that all material sent to the Editor is forwarded at the contributor's own risk. While every care is taken with material, neither the Editor nor MNS can be held responsible for any loss or damage incurred.
- All material submitted (especially photographs and slides) *must* have the contributor's name and address clearly marked.
- The Editor may not always send a reply to confirm if a submission has been accepted for publication. N/B: This will be a communication *other* than an acknowledgment of receipt.

PAYMENT

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