

## Essay assignment - paper review number two

Purpose - read a recent (published 2001-2011) ornithological publication (from one of the following journals: *Auk*, *Ibis*, *Journal of Avian Biology*, or a bird paper from *Animal Behaviour*, *Behavioural Ecology and Sociobiology* or *Behavioural Ecology*) and write a **critical review**.

READ INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY!

### FORMAT

Grammatically correct, with correct spelling, with references cited and listed as in the format used in the journal **The Auk** (**USE YOUR EXPERIENCE ON PAPER #1 TO GET THE FORMAT RIGHT!**). Maximum length: **short and concise** - five double spaced typed pages (c. 1500 words, including references).

Organize in the following sections:

- 1) summarize the objectives of the paper and the questions it addresses
- 2) describe the methods/experiments used to realize the above objectives
- 3) summarize the important results of the paper
- 4) provide a critical review of the paper - was the subject of general interest and significance to science? Did the study provide a clear answer to the questions it addressed? Were the experiments conducted in an ethical manner? What are the implications of the paper for ongoing ornithological studies? What follow up research needs to be conducted? What are the implications to management and conservation of wild birds?

The papers will be graded according to the ORIGINALITY, relevance and clarity of the ideas presented, NOT according to the quantity of information presented. Papers longer than five pages will be rejected. Due date: submit electronically (e-mail) to ILJ (ianljones60@gmail.com) by **1600h Wednesday November 30 (MS Word .doc or .docx, file name format: *lastname\_initial\_A2.doc* – e.g., *Jones\_I\_A2.doc*)**. **Late papers WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. This assignment (part two) is worth 15% of your mark!**