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Instead of
We herein report the first record of
use
This report represents the first record of

Instead of
I made observations that support
use
Observations made during the course of this study support

PAGE ONE

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.... of the Deer Mouse *Peromyscus maniculatus*
.... of the Deer Mouse (*Peromyscus maniculatus*)
or
.... of *Peromyscus maniculatus* (Rodentia: Muridae)

.... of the Screech Owl *Otus asio*
.... of the Screech Owl (*Otus asio*)
or
.... of *Otus asio* (Aves: Strigidae)

.. of the Rain Lily *Cooperia drummondii*
.... of the Rain Lily (*Cooperia drummondii*)
or
.... of *Cooperia drummondii* (Amaryllidaceae)

.... of the Marsh Periwinkle *Littorina irrorata*
.... of the Marsh Periwinkle (*Littorina irrorata*)
or
.... of *Littorina irrorata* (Gastropoda: Prosobranchia)

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Example:

.... were also analyzed from specimens of
Peromyscus maniculatus (cf. Jones 1971).

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- Smith, J. D. 1973. Geographic variation in the Seminole bat, *Lasiurus seminolus*. *J. Mammal.* 54(1):25-38.
- Smith, J. D. & G. L. Davis. 1985. Bats of the Yucatan Peninsula. *Occas. Pap. Mus., Texas Tech Univ.* 97:1-36.

BOOKS.—

- Jones, T. L. 1975. An introduction to the study of plants. John Wiley & Sons, New York, xx+386 pp.
- Jones, T. L., A. L. Bain & E. C. Burns. 1976. Grasses of Texas. Pp. 205-265, *in* Native grasses of North America (R. R. Dunn, ed.), Univ. Texas Studies, 205:xx+1-630.

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UNITS OF MEASURE

sec	second
min	minute
or hr	hour
d	day
wk	week
mo	month
yr	year
YBP	years before present
m.y.	million years
nm	nanometer
µg	microgram(s)
mg	milligram(s)
g	gram(s)
kg	kilogram(s)
Hz	hertz
kHz	kilohertz
MHz	megahertz
dL	deciliter
µL	microliter
µm	micrometer (micron)
mm	millimeter(s)
cm	centimeter(s)
m	meter(s)
K	Kelvin
km	kilometer(s)
in.	inch (use period)
ft	foot (feet)
mi	mile(s)
ha	hectare(s)
M	molar
ppm	parts per million
W	watt
gal	gallon(s)
µL	microliter
mL	milliliter and cubic centimeter should be spelled out when used alone or where confusion may exist; abbreviate as L only in a chemical listing or table of ingredients where it is self-evident.

LATIN AND OTHER FOREIGN LANGUAGE TERMS

ca.	circa
e.g.,	exempli gratia, for example (note comma)
et al.	et alia, and others etc.
	et cetera, and so on
i.e.,	such as (note comma)
<i>in vitro</i>	outside the living organism
<i>in vivo</i>	in the living organism
<i>in situ</i>	in its original or natural place or position
per se	by itself, as such
sic	thus (to signal exact transcription)
via	by way of, by means of
vis-à-vis	in relation to, as compared with vs. or versus against, in contrast to

STATISTICAL TERMS

<i>A posteriori</i>	based upon actual observation or upon experimental data
<i>A priori</i>	valid independently of observation
ANOVA	analysis of variance
CV	coefficient of variation
<i>df</i>	degrees of freedom
<i>n</i>	sample size or number in sample
<i>P</i>	probability
<i>r</i> or <i>R</i>	correlation coefficient
<i>SD</i>	standard deviation
<i>SE</i>	standard error
<i>SEM</i>	standard error of the mean
<i>t f U Z X²</i>	statistical tests
\bar{x}	mean
\geq	equal to or greater than
$>$	greater than
\leq	equal to or less than
$<$	less than
\approx or \sim	approximately

MISCELLANEOUS

AC DC	alternating current and direct current
Co.	county (or spell out)
elev.	elevation (use period)
Fig. or fig.	figure (use period)
maximum	no abbreviation
minimum	no abbreviation
pers. comm.	personal (oral or written) communication
sp. or spp.	for one or more species of a genus
States	spell out to avoid confusion
Table	write out completely
UK	United Kingdom (no spaces)
U.S.A. or USA	United States of America
USNM	National Museum of Natural History

DIRECTIONS AND COORDINATES

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