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Books

One or two authors

C-S: 1. Derocher AE, Lynch W. Polar bears: a complete guide to their biology and behavior. Baltimore (MD): Johns Hopkins University Press; 2012.

In text: Use occurrence order number

N-Y: Derocher AE, Lynch W. 2012. Polar bears: a complete guide to their biology and behavior. Baltimore (MD): Johns Hopkins University Press.

In text: (Derocher and Lynch 2012)

Three to ten authors

C-S: 1. Wessels T, Cohen BD, Zwinger A. Reading the forested landscape: a natural history of New England. Woodstock (VT): Countryman Press; 1997.

In text: Use occurrence order number

N-Y: Wessels T, Cohen BD, Zwinger A. 1997. Reading the forested landscape: a natural history of New England. Woodstock (VT): Countryman Press.

In text: (Wessels et al. 1997)

Eleven or more authors

List the first 10 authors followed by "et al." or "and others".

Editor, translator, or compiler instead of author

C-S: 1. Joas M, Jahn D, Kern, editors. Governing a common sea: environmental policies in the Baltic Sea region. London (GB): Earthscan; 2008.

N-Y: Joas M, Jahn D, Kern, editors. 2008. Governing a common sea: environmental policies in the Baltic Sea region. London (GB): Earthscan.

Parts of Books

C-S: Fastovsky DE, Weishampel DB. The evolution and extinction of the dinosaurs. Cambridge (GB): Cambridge University Press; 2005. Chapter 5, The origin of the dinosaurian; p. 87-98.

In text: Use occurrence order number

N-Y: Fastovsky DE, Weishampel DB. 2005. The evolution and extinction of the dinosaurs. Cambridge (GB): Cambridge University Press. Chapter 5, The origin of the dinosaurian; p. 87-98.

In text: (Fastovsky 2005)

Electronic Books

C-S: 1. Poincare H. The foundations of science. Halsted GB, translator. New York (NY): The Science Press; 1921 [accessed 2009 Jan 8].

http://books.google.com/books?id=qgkeAAAAMAAJ&printsec=frontcover&dq=science&lr=lang_en&as_brr=1&as_pt=BOOKS.

In text: Use occurrence order number

N-Y: Poincare H. 1921. The foundations of science. Halsted GB, translator. New York (NY): The Science Press; [accessed 2009 Jan 8].

http://books.google.com/books?id=qgkeAAAAMAAJ&printsec=frontcover&dq=science&lr=lang_en&as_brr=1&as_pt=BOOKS.

In text: (Poincare 1921)

Articles

Print articles

C-S: 1. Capone M, Grizzle R, Mathieson AC, Odell J. Intertidal oysters in northern New England. Northeast Nat. 2008;15(2):209-214.

In text: Use occurrence order number

N-Y: Capone M, Grizzle R, Mathieson AC, Odell J. 2008. Intertidal oysters in northern New England. Northeast Nat. 15(2):209-214.

In text: (Capone et al. 2008)

Electronic Articles

C-S: 1. Bertness MD, Ewan PJ, Silliman BR. Anthropogenic modification of New England salt marsh landscapes. P Natl Acad Sci USA. 2002 [accessed 2009 Jan 9];99(3):1395-1398.

<http://www.jstor.org/stable/3057772>.

In text: Use occurrence order number

N-Y: Bertness MD, Ewan PJ, Silliman BR. 2002. Anthropogenic modification of New England salt marsh landscapes. P Natl Acad Sci USA. [accessed 2009 Jan 9];99(3):1395-1398.

<http://www.jstor.org/stable/3057772>.

In text: (Bertness et al. 2002)

Websites

C-S: Scitable. Nature Education; 2008 [accessed 2009 Jan 9]. <http://www.nature.com/scitable>.

In text: Use occurrence order number

N-Y: Scitable. 2008. Nature Education; [accessed 2009 Jan 9]. <http://www.nature.com/scitable>.

In text: (Scitable 2008)

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2. Council of Science Editors, ed. Scientific Style and Format: The CSE manual for authors, editors, and publishers. 8th ed. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2014; [accessed 2015 October 6]. <http://www.scientificstyleandformat.org/Tools/SSF-Citation-Quick-Guide.html>