

***eBio*: Our Redesigned and Revamped *Eastern Biologist* Journal**

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Welcome to the new *eBio*, the redesigned and revamped journal that has evolved from the former *Eastern Biologist*. This introductory editorial article reviews *Eastern Biologist*'s history and describes the differences between *Eastern Biologist* and *eBio* as well as the underlying motivations that prompted the updates.

Eastern Biologist (online, ISSN 2165-6657) was developed and first published by Eagle Hill Publications in 2014 as a peer-reviewed laboratory-based biological research journal affiliated with the Association of Southeastern Biologists (ASB). It was created as a complement to Eagle Hill's *Southeastern Naturalist* (SENA), ASB's first peer-reviewed journal, which focuses on ecology and organismal biology. *Eastern Biologist* was established to have a disciplinary focus on the molecular and cellular biology of organisms, including (but not limited to) areas such as biochemistry, and neurobiology. In the spring of 2021, ASB and Eagle Hill formalized the society-publisher relationship, establishing the newly renamed *eBio* and SENA as the official peer-reviewed journals of ASB. Manuscript submissions to *eBio* are welcome and encouraged from the scientific community; however, as an official journal of ASB, members receive discounted page rates.

The revamped *eBio* publishes original articles and notes focused on the biology of organisms as it relates to the structure, function, and development of their internal systems and as it pertains to their use in medical and other applications not directly related to the ecology and conservation of species or their habitats. Subject areas include, but are not limited to, biochemistry, biotechnology, cell biology, developmental biology, genetics and genomics, immunology, microbiology, molecular biology, neurobiology, physiology, parasitology, and toxicology. In addition to traditional-length full research articles, *eBio* now accepts shorter manuscripts or notes that add to the conversation of subfields within the journal's scope. Such "micro-publications" can include orphaned data or data not supporting the original hypothesis. This variety of article options makes *eBio* an excellent home for research projects of undergraduate students, honors students, masters students, and larger scope projects. To reflect the student focus of our Association of Southeastern Biologists (ASB) community, *eBio* now also accepts articles in the areas of Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL) that connect with its disciplinary focus of laboratory-based life sciences. Members of ASB are also encouraged to consider submitting manuscripts based on ASB annual meeting presentations or to propose special issues based on meeting symposia. *eBio* also accepts proposals for special issues based on invitational collections of thematically-related papers. Research summaries or reviews and general interest articles, such as editorials, are also welcome.

Manuscripts accepted for publication by *eBio* are published online on an article-by-article basis, facilitating timely publication. Articles published in *eBio* are indexed in ResearchGate. Over time, we hope that the indexing coverage of *eBio* will become comparable to that of ASB's first journal, *SENA*, which is indexed in the Web of Science (clarivate.com). If you think we can help, we encourage you to contact the *eBio* editors and/or staff for inquiries.

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