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2. Required software = MS Word

3. Manuscript page formatting:
   - All margins measure 1 inch.
   - All text is double spaced.
   - Regular text is 12 pt.
   - Use Times font (e.g., Times New Roman)

4. Maximum page length and figure count will be determined by SISP and the volume editor.

5. Required Elements
   - Title page (include title, subtitle, all authors’ names, affiliations, physical addresses, and emails)
   - Main text
   - References

6. Headings should be styled consistently so organization is clear.

7. Callouts must appear in the main text for each figure and table.

8. Number all figures sequentially (1, 2, 3, etc.) in the order they are called out in the text.

9. FIGURES: Low-resolution figures should be embedded in your paper (with captions below each) for peer review. Final figure files in required format and resolutions will be submitted with your revised paper, and captions grouped at end of paper.

10. When preparing your “final” figure files, refer to SISP’s “Digital Art Prep Guide.”
    - Each figure’s “print size” should measure at least 6” wide (for landscape-orientation figures) or 8” tall (for portrait-orientation figures).
    - Line art must have resolution of 1200 dpi.
    - Images that are black-and-white should be saved in Grayscale mode, 300 dpi.
    - Images that are color should be saved in CMYK mode, 300 dpi.
    - Combination halftones (shading/color + text) should be 600–900 dpi.

11. Tables should be numbered (1, 2, 3, etc.) in the order they are called out in the text. Each table can be submitted as a separate MS Word doc or embedded in the main text in its proper position.

12. SISP accepts three reference systems (Au-Date, Notes + Bibliography, Botany), depending on discipline convention. SISP guidelines to all three reference systems are available on the Guidelines tab at SISP’s website. Each includes examples of common citations.

13. Compile notes as endnotes in a separate document or manually keyed (not embedded) at the end of the paper.

14. SISP’s house style is based on Chicago Manual of Style and standard American English spellings in Merriam Webster’s Dictionary.