

ADVICE FOR CONTRIBUTORS TO *SIBBALDIA*

If you would like to contribute to *Sibbaldia* please send a summary of the content of your proposed paper to the PA to the Director of Horticulture and Learning at the Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh (RBGE): J.Ho@rbge.org.uk. Papers and short notes on the cultivation, conservation, research, botany (but not taxonomic botany), history, landscaping, legislation, management and curation of plants and landscapes in botanic and other gardens will be considered. All papers and short notes are accepted on the understanding that they have not have been accepted for publication or be under consideration elsewhere and that they will be subject to editing. All papers will be reviewed by independent referees. Authors will also be required to sign a Publishing Agreement granting RBGE as Publishers full rights over the content of the publication in its published form. Authors for whom English is not their first language should have their papers checked by a fluent English speaker before submission. The suitability for inclusion of the paper in *Sibbaldia* rests with the Editor.

A pdf of the paper and a copy of the final printed format will be supplied free of charge.

The title page should include the title, name(s), job title(s), postal and email address(es) of the author(s) and the abstract. The abstract should be concise and informative indicating what the paper contains without summarising it.

Text should be sent as Word documents, not justified, with a line spacing of 1.5. The first page should contain the title and abstract. Latin names should be italicised. Measurements should be in metres (m) and millimetres (mm) the abbreviations of which should follow numbers with no space. Good quality photographs, tables and figures are welcomed and notes on their presentation are given below. Further information on style and presentation are available from Kate Hughes: K.Hughes@rbge.org.uk

References should be cited as follows:

Author abbreviations should follow:

BRUMMITT, R.K. & POWELL, C.E. (eds) (1992). *Authors of Plant Names*. Kew: Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew.

Journal abbreviations should follow:

G.D.R., TOWNSEND, S. T., POLEN, E.A., SMITH, E.R. (eds) (2004). *BPH-2: periodicals with botanical content: comprising a second edition of Botanico-Periodicum-Huntianum*. Pittsburgh: Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation.

References in the text should be cited by author and publication date: (Llamas, 2003), or 'as stated by Llamas (2003)'. Multiple references should be stated chronologically. Where there are three or more authors use *et al.* in the text and list all authors as they

appear in the original text in the reference list. In the reference list at the end of the article references should appear in alphabetical order in the following style:

CHAPMAN, T.S. (1995). *Ornamental gingers, a guide to selection and cultivation*. Unpublished.

KRESS, W.J. (1990). The phylogeny and classification of the Zingiberales. *Annals of the Missouri Botanical Garden*, 77, 698–721.

LLAMAS, K.A. (2003). *Tropical flowering plants: a guide to identification and cultivation*. Timber Press, Portland, Oregon.

References to the internet should be cited with the author of the information in the text. The website address of where this information is available should be cited in the alphabetical list of references at the end. The date the website was accessed should also be noted in the reference list as follows:

In text: Chelsea Physic Garden (2009).

In reference list: Chelsea Physic Garden (2009) *Welcome to Chelsea Physic Garden*. Available online: www.chelseaphysicgarden.co.uk/ (accessed 14 January 2009).

Tables should be numbered in Arabic numerals, for example, ‘Table 1’, with a descriptive title.

Figures and photographs should be numbered consecutively in Arabic numerals and referred to in the text as Fig. 1, Fig. 2, Figs 1–4, etc. A descriptive caption and credit for a photograph should be supplied as a separate Word document. Images should be jpg or tif files of a size no less than 1MB, but preferably bigger, with a minimum of 300dpi.