

# HERPETOLOGICAL BULLETIN

## REPORT 2025

In 2025, Herpetological Bulletin Issues 171 to 174 were uploaded to the BHS website on the first day of each quarter and the hardcopy versions posted to subscribers within the following four weeks. The number of manuscripts submitted in 2025 rose to 127, from 105 in the previous year. Of the submitted manuscripts 59 were accepted for publication or 46% of the total, compared with 57 articles or 54% in 2024 (Table 1).

**Table 1.** Summary of submission and acceptance rates in 2025 (HB Issues 171 to 174), with 2024 figures in parenthesis

	<b>No. submitted</b>	<b>No. accepted</b>	<b>% accepted</b>
Full Papers	21 (16)	14 (10)	67% (63%)
Short Notes	15 (9)	3 (6)	20% (67%)
Short Communications & Natural History Notes	91 (80)	42 (41)	46% (51%)
<b>Totals</b>	<b>127 (105)</b>	<b>59 (57)</b>	<b>46% (54%)</b>

The time from manuscripts being accepted to being published is now typically 4 to 6 months. Of the published articles in 2025, 12% were illustrated with an accompanying video, this is up from 5% in 2024. Authors are encouraged to submit accompanying videos, these are posted on the BHS YouTube site and hyperlinked to their articles. A further advantage of this is that such articles are open access from the time of release, the same goes for all articles published by BHS members, rather than being subscriber-only for one year. One year after publication all remaining articles in The Bulletin are fully open access.

During the year the Bulletin welcomed two new associate editors, Erin Rickman-Hills (USA-based) and Luiza Figueiredo Passos (UK-based). This has been made a significant contribution to reducing the workload.

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