

Notice of important style change to the Journal of the American Pomological Society



The reference citation style for the Journal will change from 1 January 2013 (Volume 67, issue 1).

The current usage of numbering for references cited will cease to be used.

The new style will use author name and date within the text (the Harvard system). This style will be consistent with that used by the Journal of the American Society for Horticultural Science (which can be referenced at: http://ashs.org/downloads/style_manual.pdf). An extract from that manual is as follows:

The reference section should include only published, significant, and relevant sources accessible through a library or an information system. These include journal articles, books, theses, dissertations, proceedings, bulletins, reports, and published abstracts of papers presented at meetings.

Unpublished work, privileged data, or information received personally should be noted parenthetically in the text [e.g., "(E.D. Brown, unpublished data)" or "(J.B. Smith, personal communication)"]. Papers or manuscripts submitted to a publisher may not be used in literature citations unless the work has been accepted for publication, in which case the work may be cited as "(In press.)" at the end of the citation.

All citations mentioned in the text must be included in the Literature Cited; also, all references listed in the Literature Cited must be mentioned somewhere in the text. Check the alphabetical reference list against literature citations in the text before submitting the manuscript for publication. **When two or more citations are listed in the text, list the citations alphabetically first, then chronologically, e.g., "(Jones, 1998, 2000;**

Kader, 2001; Smith, 1996)." Authors are responsible for verifying that each reference is complete, accurate, and traceable.

Authors must check the original source—do not copy a reference from a previous list of citations, because the odds are that at least one error will be copied. Citations must appear exactly (misspellings included and followed by "[sic]") as written in the original published work.

Citation format

APS style for listing literature citations is the Harvard system, with the last name(s) of the author(s) and the year of the publication cited in the text. List citations alphabetically (letter by letter not word by word) by last names of authors (then initials if last names are the same) and chronologically if duplicate author names appear. Authors are listed first by senior author (last name first, followed by initials) and then additional authors (initials first).

Example:

Jones, B.F., T.C. Wesson, and J.E. Smith. 1998a. Hollies. Wiley, New York.

Jones, B.F., Z.C. Wesson, and J.E. Smith. 1998b. Holly berries. Wiley, New York.

If a name is followed by "Jr." or a Roman numeral, the correct form is "Smith, Jr., B.F.," or "Smith, II., B.F." Do not include professional and honorary titles. All authors of a reference must be listed. If an author is cited more than once, repeat the author's name—do not substitute the underline for the author's name. Names of foreign authors retain their native spellings and diacritical marks.

If a work has no author, give the name of the publisher or the organization (committee, agency, etc.) responsible for the work. If no authority is known, credit the work to the

publisher, not to Anonymous. If an editor or editors is given, their names are followed by “(ed.)” or “(eds.),” respectively, followed by a period.

Following the name(s) of the author(s), give the year of publication (the copyright or publication date listed on the publication, not the actual release date), followed by a period. If no year is given, then either estimate the year in parentheses “(1918?)”—or indicate no date—e.g., “(n.d.).” If more than one work by the same author or set of authors is cited, list the publications in chronological order and, if the year is also identical, insert lowercase letters (in alphabetical sequence) after the date, according to the order in which they are cited in the text. All single-authored articles of a given individual precede multiple-authored articles of which that individual is senior author.

Titles should be lowercase except for the first word, proper names, or certain foreign-language conventions. Do not italicize titles except for words or phrases italicized in the title of the published work. Do not use quotation marks around titles. If an article, book, or chapter title has a subtitle (indicated by a dash, colon, semicolon, smaller type, or different typeface), place a colon before the subtitle and capitalize the first letter of the first word. Never abbreviate titles. Titles of foreign publications retain their native spelling and diacritical marks. Languages that capitalize nouns (such as German) retain their capitalization, but the rest of the title should follow style in lowercase. Do not translate foreign titles into English unless a translated copy was used. Titles that have been translated or transliterated into Roman characters should carry a parenthetical note [e.g., “(in Russian)”] before the period ending the title.

When giving the name of a publisher, use the short form, e.g., “Wiley” not “John Wiley & Sons, Inc.,” or “Macmillan,” not “Macmillan Publishing Co.” When the publisher is a professional society, abbreviate the name. Include the location of the publisher.

When more than one location is listed for a publisher, give only the first one. The following is the correct spelling of several commonly used publishers:

Commonly cited publishers

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Pergamon Press
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- 2) Year of electronic publication, latest update, or posting.
- 3) Title.
- 4) Date (day, month, year) author accessed the source.
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