

**Methods in
Ecology and Evolution**



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The British Ecological Society is a thriving learned society established in 1913 whose vision is advancing ecology and making it count. It publishes five successful journals, and a quarterly newsletter, the Bulletin, that is distributed to its 4,000 members worldwide. At present, the BES is seeking an outstanding ecologist or evolutionary biologist to coordinate and drive the development of *Methods in Ecology and Evolution*.

Editor Vacancy

Methods in Ecology and Evolution is a highly esteemed international journal that publishes papers with new methodological insights in any area of ecology and evolution. The Journal's mission is to facilitate the dissemination and uptake of methods by the research community, and allow papers from previously disparate sub-disciplines to have a single forum. The inaugural issue was published in March 2010 and a further nine issues have been published since then. Early acceptance for indexing by ISI means that *Methods in Ecology and Evolution* is expecting its first one-year Impact Factor in 2012.

We are seeking an Editor to strengthen and complement the current editorial team and to raise the Journal's profile worldwide. The Journal currently has one Editor who is supported by an international Associate Editorial Board, as well as by a Journal Coordinator. The two Editors will work together to determine journal strategy and to increase the reputation and quality of the Journal, in addition to being responsible for making decisions on submitted manuscripts. Further details about the Journal and its current editorial team can be found at www.methodsinecologyandevolution.org

We would particularly welcome applications from evolutionary biologists and ecologists with expertise in any of the following areas: phylogenetics, population genetics, genomics, statistics, evolutionary biology or evolutionary ecology. Applications are welcome from evolutionary biologists based outside the UK and those who could broaden the international reach of the Journal to a joint audience of evolutionary biologists and ecologists.

Editors must be highly motivated, decisive, outstanding communicators and must act with probity. They must have an excellent understanding of their own field of ecology, as well as the wider discipline; have experience of refereeing and the editing processes; and a commitment to maintaining the high editorial standards of the Journal. This post is part-time (current salary c.£5,000 per annum) and located at the holder's host university or organisation. Some support is available to facilitate attendance at meetings with other BES Editors and to act as ambassadors for the Journal at relevant conferences.

Appointments will be made to start as soon as possible. Key responsibilities are listed below or the post can be discussed with the Executive Editor, Professor Rob Freckleton (methods@me.com).

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Purpose of role: Working with other members of the Journal Team to ensure that the Journal publishes top quality, timely material and to plan and implement strategies that will enhance its profile and expand its readership.

Selection criteria:

- Strong publication record
- Knowledge and understanding of the subject area, complementary to that of the existing Editor
- Experience of refereeing (essential) and of other editorial work (highly desirable)
- Ability to work independently and to prioritise from a range of active projects
- Ability to form, and operate in, scientific networks
- Ability to think strategically and act decisively
- Commitment to the post and to the goals of the BES

Key responsibilities:

- Identify key subject areas on which the Journal should focus (whether already established or emerging/advancing rapidly)
- Solicit submission of high quality manuscripts in all areas relevant to the Journal
- Gather opinions from fellow ecologists/evolutionary biologists on the strengths and weaknesses of the Journal: use this information to drive changes in procedure, to develop initiatives and/or to feed into general discussions
- Identify and recruit new Associate Editors
- Promote the Journal and the BES when attending conferences
- Contribute to this young and innovative Journal's development and join in discussions with those involved with other BES journals
- Drive the strategic direction of the Journal by pre-screening submitted manuscripts for suitability, selecting referees and making decisions based on their reports
- Act as handling editor for a limited number of manuscripts
- Blog about the Journal and relevant methodological advancements in ecology/evolution fields

Applications: please send your CV, plus a letter stating what you have to offer to the Journal and how you would develop it in the next five years to Catherine Hill, BES Head of Publications (catherine@britishecologicalsociety.org).

Closing date: 17 February 2012 (noon GMT)
Phone interviews will take place on Monday 12 March