

Seminar in Natural Resources Ecology and Conservation Biology

Natural Resources 200

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Some Good Starting Points for Finding Articles in Conservation Biology and Ecology

From the Library website at: <http://www.lib.uidaho.edu> click on “**Find Articles**”, then select one of the following:

- **Ebsco Search:** This multi-disciplinary database includes magazine and journal articles. You can limit your search to peer-reviewed articles.
- **Lexis-Nexis:** A great source for recent newspaper articles on your topic.
- **Web of Science:** Provides access to articles from major journals in a wide range of scientific disciplines.
- **Wildlife and Ecology Studies Worldwide**
- **Fish, Fisheries and Aquatic Biodiversity Worldwide**
- **ScienceDirect:** Provides access to the full-text of articles in journals published by Elsevier Science, a major science publisher.
- **GreenFile:** Covers human impacts on the environment.
- **CABDirect:** International coverage of articles on forestry and forest products, soil science, rural development, and tourism.
- **Environmental Sciences & Pollution Management**

Some of these sources do not include the full-text of the articles. To find the full article, click on “**360 Link to Full Text**”, usually identified by this icon:



Finding Magazines and Journals at the UI Library

- Click on “Magazine and Journal Title List” on the Library’s homepage to search for journal titles available through the UI Library online or in print.
- If the UI Library owns the journal there will be links to the electronic version and/or a record for the print version that will tell you where to find it on the second floor.

Requesting Articles or Books from Other Libraries

The UI Library provides a free Interlibrary Loan service that allows you to request any books or articles you need that the library doesn’t own. Click on “Interlibrary Loan” on the Library’s website at: <http://www.lib.uidaho.edu>

Scholarly journals and popular magazines – what’s the difference?

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Scholarly Journals	Popular/General Interest Magazine
Longer articles, providing in-depth analysis of topics	Shorter articles with broad overviews of topics
Publish original research in a field, act as a stepping stone for further research	Published to inform, entertain, or persuade
Bibliography provided to document research	Possibly a “suggested reading” list, usually no bibliography
Authors are usually experts or specialists in the field. Names and credentials are always provided	Authors are often journalists or staff writers. No credentials are provided
Articles are reviewed and evaluated by experts in the field (refereed)	Articles are not evaluated by experts in the field, but by editors on staff

For additional assistance with your research:

- Stop by the UI Library Reference Desk
- Make an appointment with a librarian using the Research Assistance Program. Fill in the form at: <http://www.lib.uidaho.edu/index-help.html>
- Contact Nancy Sprague at nsprague@uidaho.edu