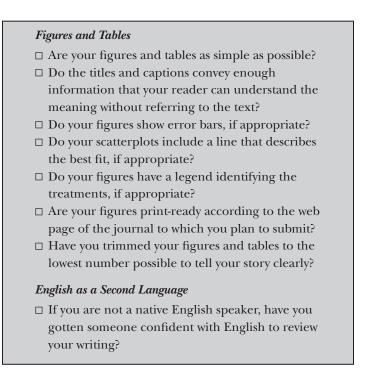


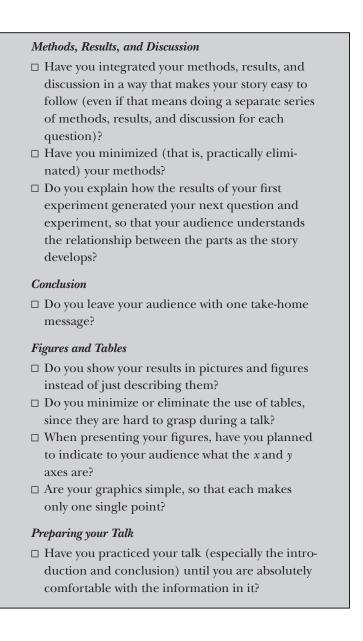
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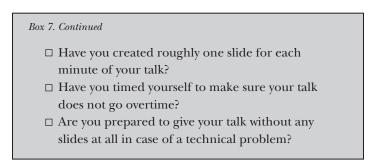


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Box 7. Oral presentation checklist See also box 6, "Journal article checklist," for reminders of good communication habits in ecology. General Structure and Presentation ☐ Are you able to give your talk (from the slides or an outline) without reading it? ☐ Have you practiced making eye contact with your audience (instead of with your slides), moving about the room enough to keep your audience engaged, etc.? ☐ Have you carefully examined your talk for jargon you might not even realize you are using? ☐ If your talk includes an equation, have you planned how you will make it readily accessible to your audience? □ Do you present your information as one single, coherent story to help your audience follow you? □ Does your talk includes signposts so that your audience follows the structure you have created? □ Do you use a large font size (24 point or larger) and include very few words (10–15 maximum) at a time per slide? Introduction □ Do you structure your introduction around your

- take-home message?
- □ Do you eliminate most of the citations and other details you would include in a manuscript to help keep your audience's attention focused?
- □ Do you end your introduction by showing an outline slide that clearly indicates the questions you will address?





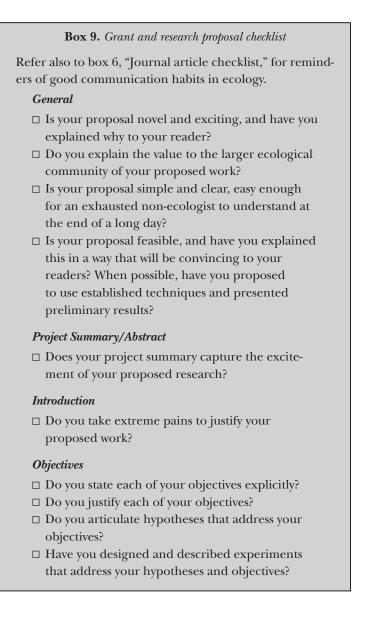
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Box 8. Poster checklist

Refer also to box 6 "Journal article checklist" for remind

ers of good communication habits in ecology. Because	
our poster will rely much more on pictures and figures han on words, you may especially want to refer to the sec-	
ion labeled "Figures and Tables" in box 6.	
Title	
☐ Does the title summarize the main result?	
Introduction	
☐ Do you limit the introduction of your question(s) to one or two sentences?	
☐ Do you clearly present the question(s) your poster will answer?	
Methods	
☐ Is your methods section extremely brief?	
Results and Discussion	
☐ Are your results presented mainly as graphics	
(bar graphs, scatterplots, etc.)? Do you show the	
differences in treatments with photographs where appropriate?	
☐ Do you briefly explain the significance of each result?	
☐ Do you present each of your results in terms of	
your overall story?	
Conclusion	
☐ Do you include a sentence or two briefly answer-	
ing the question(s) you posed at the start?	

Box 8. Continued	
General	
☐ Does your poster contain only the headlines?	
☐ Does your poster use variation in font sizes, font	
styles, and colors to help the viewer grasp your	
organization?	



Box 9. Continued	
Interpretation, Significance, and Budget	
☐ Do you describe how you will analyze your	
findings and evaluate each hypothesis?	
☐ Do you highlight the significance of your	
potential findings?	
☐ Do you include a budget, if appropriate?	
☐ Are you truly excited to do the work if it gets	
approved?	