
Series Preface

The *Species and Systematics* book series is a broad-ranging venue where authors can provide the scientific community with comprehensive treatments of the history and philosophy of fundamental concepts in systematic biology, phylogenetics, and the science of taxonomy. The series also intends to connect historical perspectives to new ideas and emerging technologies that have implications for the field. The series is committed to stimulating discussion among students and researchers in biology on controversial and clarifying ideas related to the future course we are charting in biodiversity research.

There are many approaches to the study of biological diversity and to embrace this, future volumes in *Species and Systematics* may include detailed development and comparisons of existing and novel methods in systematics and biogeography, empirical studies that provide new insight into old questions and raise new questions for biologists and philosophers of science, and historical treatises on central and reoccurring concepts that benefit from both a retrospective and a new perspective. Some volumes will address a single important concept in great depth, giving authors the freedom to present ideas with their own slant, while others will be edited collections of shorter papers intended to place alternative views in sharp contrast.

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