**Introduction** **Rubric/Check List:**

The purpose of an introduction is to give the reader the necessary background to understand what you are doing and why you are doing it. The main things to think about when setting up the introduction are the following:

1) What is already known to the field?

2) What is the problem we want to solve?

3) Why does this problem matter?

4) How will you/we solve this problem?

And over all:

5) What does a naive reader need to know to understand the problem?

I have included a copy of an introduction for a paper I just wrote on sexual selection and bird repertoire size to act an example for style. I do not expect your introduction to be as long as mine, but make sure yours is long enough to answer those critical questions above and fulfill the checklist below! (and probably not in the same order as the check list) So about 2 double-spaced pages, maybe?

**REMEMBER:** You are allowed to reuse anything you wrote for exam 1! Do so. Save yourself time.

**TOTAL: 20 Points**

**First, Formatting Stuff: (2 points)**

●Written in past tense (1 point)

●Few to no typos or grammar mistakes (1 point)

**Framing the Paper: (16 points)**

●Introduced birdsong and why it matters (3 points)

●Introduced urbanization and why it matters (3 points)

●Introduced your birds and explained why you used them\* (2 points)

●Introduced some of what is already know about birdsong and urbanization (2 points)

●Explained what the gap in the research is/what the problem is? (1 point)

●Explained how you/we intend to fill this gap (1 point)

●Explained how knowing the answer will benefit the field, society, and/or birds (1 point)

●Gave a hypothesis or hypotheses that address/fill the problem/gap(s) (2 points)

●Included a very brief (1-2 sentences) explanation of what we did in this study (1 point)

\*Definitely look at question 7 from assessment 1 if you get stuck

**Silly Things You Should Not Have Done: (2 points)**

●Did **not** go so deep into methods that it felt like a methods section (1 point)

●Did **not** include any results or "fake results" (writing as though you have the answer as a placeholder for future real results) (1 point)