

Tables

If you have not written scientific reports before they follow a specific format. The outline of the report format can be found on the report web page.

Tables also have specific format that you should follow.

A table is a grid of information with the following general format.

Table 2. Expected distribution of species by ecological land unit in the absence of severe anthropogenic disturbance. Tabulated values are the percent of 0.1 ha pixels in a given ecological land unit expected to have a given species present when disturbance is a minimal for a century or more. These target values are estimates derived through analysis of data from old-growth remnant forests, mature second-growth forests, and consultation with local experts.

Species	Ecological Land Unit			Land Unit			
	S&W slope	N&E slope	Ridge/Flat	Savanna /Glade	Upland drainage	Limestone	Mesic
Maple spp.	17	25	11	16	23	17	27
Shortleaf pine	28	20	25	20	15	24	11
White oak group	31	32	35	33	36	31	36
Red oak group ^a	24	23	29	31	26	28	25

^a Includes Black oak, scarlet oak, northern red oak, and southern red oak

This is a typical table it includes a caption. Table captions are always on the **TOP** of the table. The caption should be complete enough that you should understand what the table contains. The table usually has column and row labels with unit when appropriate. Table footnotes are used to explain things that may be unclear.

Also See:

Brusaw, C. T., G. J. Alred, and W. E. Oliu. 1987. Handbook of Technical Writing 3rd edition. St Martin Press New York. 787p.