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Saied, A.S., Sohail, M., Gebauer, J. and Buerkert, A. 2010. Tolerance of *Grewia tenax* (Forssk.) Fiori to NaCl-induced salinity. *European Journal of Horticultural Science* 75(1), 42-50.

### Books

Lieth, H., Moschenko, M., Lohmann, M., Koyro, H.-W. and Hamdy, A. 1999. *Halophyte uses in different climates. I. Ecological and Ecophysiological Studies*. Backhuys Publishers, Leiden, The Netherlands.

Harlan, J. R. 1998. *The Living Fields, Our Agricultural Heritage*. Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, England.

### Proceedings

Pushparajah, E. and Bachik, A. T. 1987. Management of acid tropical soils in Southeast Asia. I in: Sanchez, P. A., Stoner, E. R. and Pushparajah, E. (Eds.). *Management of Acid Tropical Soils for Sustainable Agriculture*. Proceedings of an IBSRAM Inaugural Workshop, pp. 13-39. IBSRAM, Bangkok, Thailand.

Lawn, R. J. and Ahn, C. S. 1985. Green gram (*Vigna radiata* L.). In: Summerfield, R. J. and Roberts, E. H (Eds.). *Grain Legume Crops*, pp. 584-623. Collins, London, England.

### Dissertation

Reyes-Aguero, J. A. 2005. *Variacion morfologica de Opuntia (Cactaceae) y su relacion con la domesticacion en la Altiplanicie Meridional de Mexico*; Ph.D. Thesis; Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico, Mexico, D.F.

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References and headings are *not* typed in capitals.
5. All illustrations, figures, and tables are placed within the text at the appropriate points, rather than at the end.  
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