

Botanical Illustration

Valerie Oxley

The Crowood Press. 2008 (This impression 2013)

- Includes chapters on:
 - Simple Botany of Plants and Flowers
 - Observation Techniques
 - Colour, Tone, etc.
 - Alternative media
 - Details on techniques
 - As you would expect, beautifully illustrated
 - Although this is an English book I did notice some examples of Helen Fitzgerald's work.
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Geometry in Nature:

*Exploring the Morphology of the Natural World
through Projective Geometry*

John Blackwood

Floris Books. 2012

- Blackwood explores different forms of symmetry in the diverse realms of nature.
 - He considers the fundamental forms of mineral, plants, animals and humans.
 - Looks at spirals, vortices, buds and other complex shapes.
 - Interesting, fascinating, thought provoking.
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Pilbara Native Plants for Gardens and Landscapes

N. Smith & M. Clark

Greening Australia WA. 2014

- Produced to promote the use of local plants in gardens, public and private, in the Pilbara region.
- A beautifully produced 'how to' gardening book with fabulous photographs.
- One feature I really appreciate is a clear explanation of the derivation of the name of every plant.
- Many of the plants are seen growing in a large part of WA, in SA and NT **and in our own Red Centre Garden.**

The Triumph of Seeds

Thor Hanson

Basic books, A Member of the Perseus Books Group. 2015

- I did not have enough time to assess this book carefully.
 - It was enthusiastically recommended to Catherine by a former guide.
 - If the advance praise on the back dust cover is anything to go by:
 - It is a page turner
 - Elegantly written
 - Tells stories of seeds, their ecology, evolution and histories ... etc.
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Australian Plants for Canberra region gardens and other cool climate areas

Australian Native Plants Society Canberra Region Inc.

5th (revised) edition 2015

- Seven years in the making, this is the latest edition of the popular bible for Canberra native plant gardeners.
 - Larger in every way.
 - For every plant there is:
 - A photograph (sourced from amongst the local native plant lovers community)
 - Indication of whether plant is hardy, requiring some care or difficult
 - Brief descriptive text
 - Symbols for height and width
 - Symbols for frost tolerance
 - Symbols for sun/shade requirement
 - Indicators for flower colour and flowering period
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Ludwig Leichhardt

Lost in the Outback

Hans Wilhelm Finger

Rosenberg. 2013

- A detailed biography of Ludwig Leichhardt starting from childhood in Prussia.
- Much of the work has been transcribed from the original German.
- A section at the end, The Leichhardt Papers, explains the source of much of the material. Much is held in State Library of NSW (both Mitchell and Dixon Libraries)
- I think this book is very absorbing and I look forward to my turn to read about this interesting man.