

INTERNET RESOURCES FOR GUIDES 2024

Guides-specific

GuidesWeb – a website for ANBG guides to share information. It includes topics such as administration (rosters and meeting minutes), information about plants and plant communities, themes and topics useful for walks, stories to tell, Special walks developed by guides, professional development and other resources. It can be searched by keyword. All information on this website should be relevant to guiding practice. Administered by Beth Tyerman and Glenys Bishop. They can be contacted via guidesweb@friendsanbg.org.au. Contributions from all Guides are welcome. <https://www.friendsanbg.org.au/guidesweb/>

ANBG Guides Google Group – email group for informal communication about matters of topical interest related to guiding. I would like to add all trainees to this group. It does not generate a lot of traffic, but what comes through it tends to be a good read. <https://groups.google.com/g/anbguides>

Emails to all guides tend to go out via Convenor ([Kerry Moir](#)) or Secretary ([Beth Tyerman](#)) (or one of the roster or booked walks managers) but a list of contact details is available on [MyImpact](#), and it is sometimes possible to place all email addresses into the **BCC field** of an email, and to send emails yourself. Kerry and Beth tend to be the ones to send official communications to all guides using Better Impact.

'ANBG Guides' Facebook Group – This is a Facebook group for ANBG voluntary guides to share photos, things of note in the gardens and for any casual interactions. Please do not use it for formal or 'all guides' communications. You can send a Request to Join via the Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2075743422661945>) and Alison Turner will join you up.

Facebook in general – “I follow many Facebook groups, especially the Banksia Lovers group, the Wildflower Society of Western Australia, Remember the Wild, Bees in the 'burbs, Noongar Medicine and Bush Tucker, WA Bushland Forever, Australian Native Plants Society etc, each of which does their own 'hoovering' of what's out there and provides posts...” Boronia Halstead, ANBG Guide.

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ANBG website – <https://anbg.gov.au/> (further information below)

Find a Plant – an app to locate specific plants growing in the Gardens. <https://www.anbg.gov.au/fap>

ANBG Facebook – <https://www.facebook.com/AustralianNationalBotanicGardens/>

ANBG Website includes

1. **Information about the ANBG** – e.g. See [About us](#) for history, facts and figures

2. **Botanical information**

[The Centre for Australian National Biodiversity Research](#) (Web Portal)

“The **Centre for Australian National Biodiversity Research** (CANBR) includes the **Australian National Herbarium**. These are jointly managed by CSIRO and the Director of National Parks with strong links to the Australian National Botanic Gardens. The Herbarium, with over 1.2 million specimens, is responsible for the scientific integrity of the Gardens' plant labelling and manages the national plant name lists for Australia's botanical community.

One single database, the [Integrated Botanical Information System](#) (IBIS), is used for all these activities. This allows linking of names, photographs, herbarium specimens and living plants.” (from the website)

3. ANBG Library

<https://www.anbg.gov.au/gardens/research/library/index.html> (General information)
<https://library.dcceew.gov.au/> (Library catalogue)

4. Australian Plants on Australian Postage Stamps –

<http://www.anbg.gov.au/stamps/index.html>

5. The Search button

Sometimes it is hard to find things, e.g. lurking at the bottom of the [Botanical Information page](#) is a section on **People, Art and Culture** where you’ll find important guiding information on topics such as the Floral Emblems of Australia, Botanical art, Australian plants on postage stamps and cigarette cards and Plant collectors and illustrators. These stories are interesting for visitors.

Inevitably there is some crossover between material found on the Gardens website and GuidesWeb.

ANBG Friends

[ANBG Friends website](#) – <https://www.friendsanbg.org.au/>

Other suggestions

- ANPSA (Australian Native Plants Society) - <https://anpsa.org.au/> or <https://www.facebook.com/anpsa/>
- Florabank (nationwide native seed collection portal) - <https://www.florabank.org.au/>
- Plantnet Flora Online (NSW FloraOnline) - <https://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/>
- Florabase (WA Plants) - <https://florabase.dbca.wa.gov.au/>
- Wikipedia etc; let your fingers do the walking.