

The new book *Alphabotanical* from the Melbourne Friends of the Royal Botanic Gardens Vic.

## NEW A - Z BOTANICAL ALPHABET BOOK

A new alphabet book, *Alphabotanical*, featuring botanical illustrations has been released by the Melbourne Friends of the Royal Botanic Gardens Victoria.

Each letter of the alphabet is illustrated with an Australian native plant with a name beginning with the corresponding letter.

ANBG staff Toby Golson and Phil Hurle contributed towards the creation of the book by providing a specimen of *Quintinia verdonii* to artist Roslyn Glow who was responsible for illustrating the letter 'Q'.

In addition to the botanical illustration, each entry includes a description and information on the distribution and interesting features of the plant.

Further details about the book can be found in the New Books section of this month's *Library Connect* newsletter.

## ARTWORK VIEWINGS

As described in the latest issue of [FronDS](#), the ANBG Library and Archives were fortunate to receive the generous donation of Dr Gillian Scott's award-winning Australian mistletoe watercolour paintings.

A selection of these paintings will be on display in the Library from 9.30 am – 4.00 pm on the following days for Friends to view:

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February**  
**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February**  
**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February**

## CANBERRA'S GARDEN HISTORY

Canberra has featured twice in the January edition of *Australian Garden History*.

One article explores the public parklands around Canberra that are on the AGHS Landscapes at Risk list. The two case studies are Haig Park and Lake Burley Griffin and its parklands.

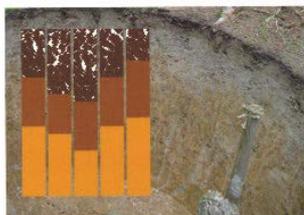
A second article featuring our city, is the story of Patricia Tillyard's house and garden, 'The Spinney', located on Mugga Way, Red Hill. The journal is on display in the Library.

## A SELECTION OF NEW BOOKS

Winfried E. H. Blum • Peter Schad • Stephen Nortcliff

### Essentials of Soil Science

Soil formation, functions, use and classification (World Reference Base, WRB)



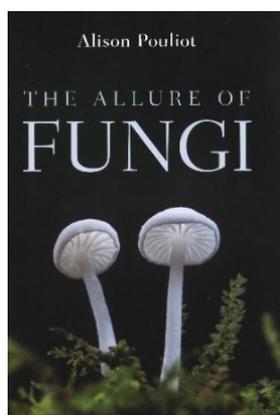
**Essentials of Soil Science/** Winfried E.H. Blum, Peter Schad & Stephen Nortcliff.

Clayton South, Vic.: CSIRO Publishing. 2017. ISBN: 9781486308910  
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This book is an introduction to soil science and describes the development of soils, their characteristics and their material composition as well as their functions in terrestrial and aquatic environments. Soil functions include the delivery of goods and services for human society, such as food, clean water, and the maintenance of biodiversity.

It will provide a valuable resource for teachers, practitioners and students of soil science, agriculture, farming, forestry, gardening, terrestrial and aquatic ecology and environmental engineering.

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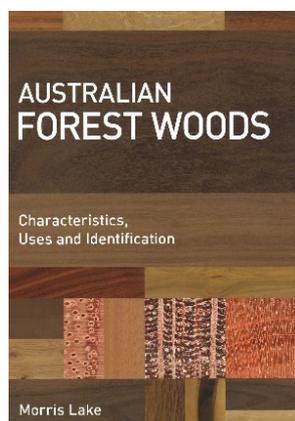


**The Allure of Fungi /** Alison Pouliot

Clayton South, Vic.: CSIRO Publishing. 2018. ISBN: 9781486308576  
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*The Allure of Fungi* presents fungi through multiple perspectives – those of mycologists and ecologists, foragers and forayers, naturalists and farmers, aesthetes and artists, philosophers and Traditional Owners. It explores how a history of entrenched fears and misconceptions about fungi has led to their near absence in Australian ecological consciousness and biodiversity conservation.

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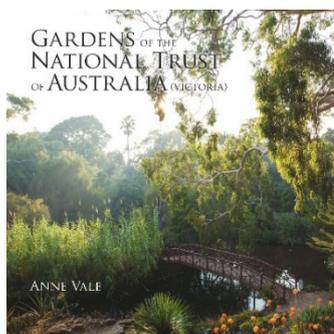


**Australian forest woods: characteristics, uses and identification/** Morris Lake

Clayton South, Vic.: CSIRO Publishing. 2019. ISBN: 9781486307784  
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*Australian Forest Woods* describes about 130 of the most significant Australian forest trees and their wood. The early sections introduce the reader to the uniqueness and usefulness of forest trees. The book examines the forest tree species and their wood with photographs, botanical descriptions and a summary of the characteristics of the wood. A section on wood identification includes fundamental information on tree growth and wood structure.

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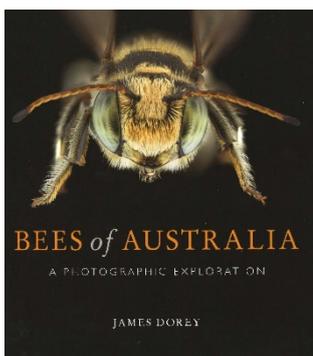
**Gardens of the National Trust of Australia (Victoria)/** Anne Vale

Richmond, Vic.: Hardie Grant Books. 2018. ISBN: 9781743793602  
712.09945 VAL

Acclaimed garden historian, Dr Anne Vale, has expertly woven together the stories of Trust gardens in Victoria by using the rich collection of primary sources held by the Trust and by drawing on the wider scholarly community to which she belongs. The narrative of the book makes use of gardens as sites linking people and cultures across various time frames and places. The book also draws on the role of volunteers in the ongoing custodianship of our historic gardens and landscapes.

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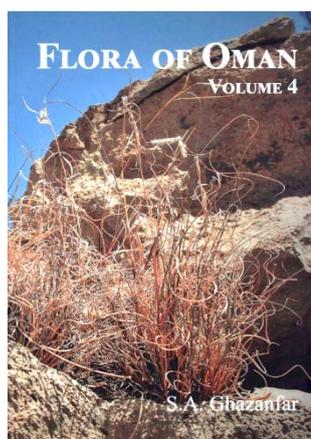
## NEW BOOKS CONTINUED



**Bees of Australia/** James Dorey  
Clayton South, Vic: CSIRO Publishing. 2018. ISBN: 9781486308491  
595.7990994 DOR

Bees are the darlings of the insect world. It is a joy to see these insects hard at work, peacefully buzzing from flower to flower. Many people recognise the worth of bees, as well as the fact that they face multiple threats. But very few know about the diversity and importance of our native bee species. There are an estimated 2000 to 3000 bee species in Australia, yet we know very little about the vast majority of these and there are many that are yet to be described.

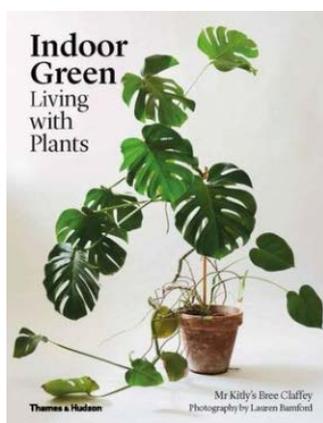
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**Flora of the Sultanate of Oman. Volume 4/** S.A. Ghanzanfar  
Sydney: National Geographic Holdings. 2018. ISBN: 9781925694918  
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The fourth and final volume of the *Flora of the Sultanate of Oman* deals with all petaloid and non-petaloid monocotyledonous families found in Oman. It includes 21 families and 246 taxa, following Cronquist's (1981) system, with explanatory notes where the APG IV (2016) classification or recent molecular evidence treats the families or genera differently. It contains the Poaceae, the family represented by the most (172) taxa found in Oman. For each family keys are provided to all genera and species. Species descriptions are accompanied with notes on distribution, habitat, flowering and fruiting times, conservation status, and uses where relevant. Distribution maps are provided for all described species.

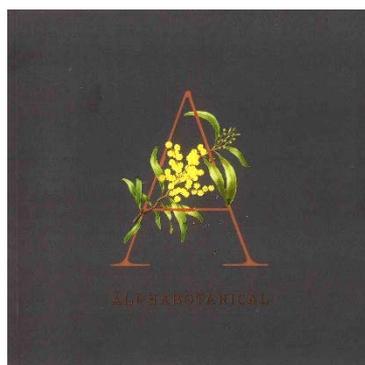
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**Indoor Green: living with plants/** Bree Claffey & Lauren Bamford  
Port Melbourne, Vic.: Thames and Hudson. 2018. ISBN: 9780500501061  
635.965 CLA

For centuries, plants have transformed interiors. Today the plant-filled home is an inspiration to every avid shelter-blog reader or expert Pinterest-board maker. Author Bree Claffey journeys into the interior worlds of fellow plant lovers to explore the enduring attraction of houseplants. From the ever-reliable peace lily and beguiling fiddle leaf fig to the elusive Chinese money plant, *Indoor Green* makes it obvious that even the humblest greenery can transform a home.

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**Alphabotanical/** Joan Mason, Pam McDiarmid & Ashley Tardy.  
Melbourne, Vic.: The Friends of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Melbourne Inc., 2018.  
ISBN: 9780646992648  
758.5 ALP

Alphabotanical is a book created by members of the Friends' Botanical Illustrators group called the Whirlybirds. It is an alphabet book with botanical illustrations of Australian plants. See the front page of *Library Connect* for further details.

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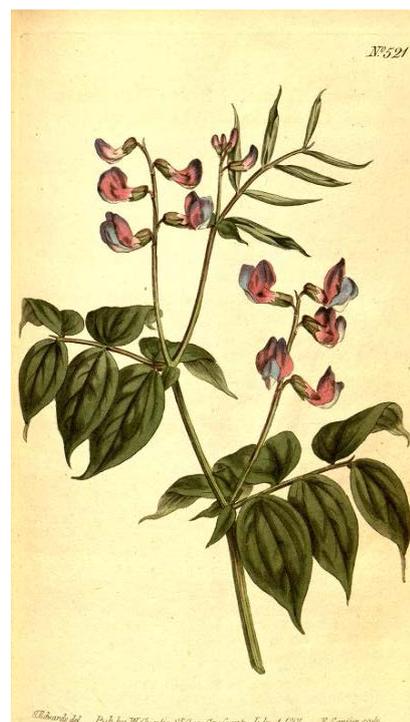
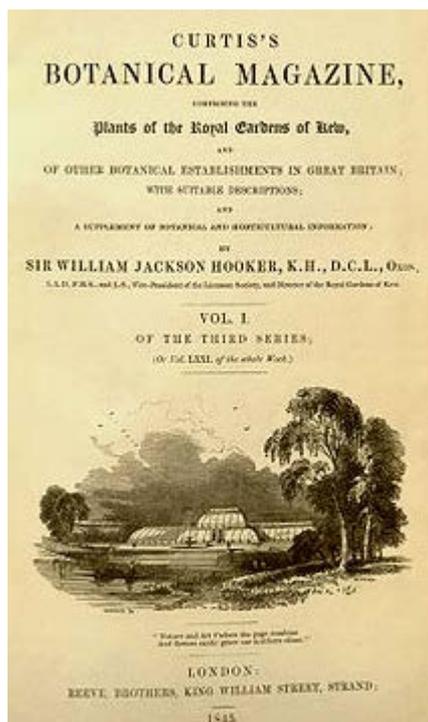
## FEATURED E-JOURNAL : *Curtis's Botanical Magazine*

Since the publication of the first volume in 1787, *Curtis's Botanical Magazine* has enjoyed enduring popularity resulting in it being the longest running botanical periodical featuring coloured illustrations.

Originally published as *The Botanical Magazine* or *Flower-Garden Displayed*, the journal took on the name of its founder botanist and entomologist William Curtis, in 1801 following his death.

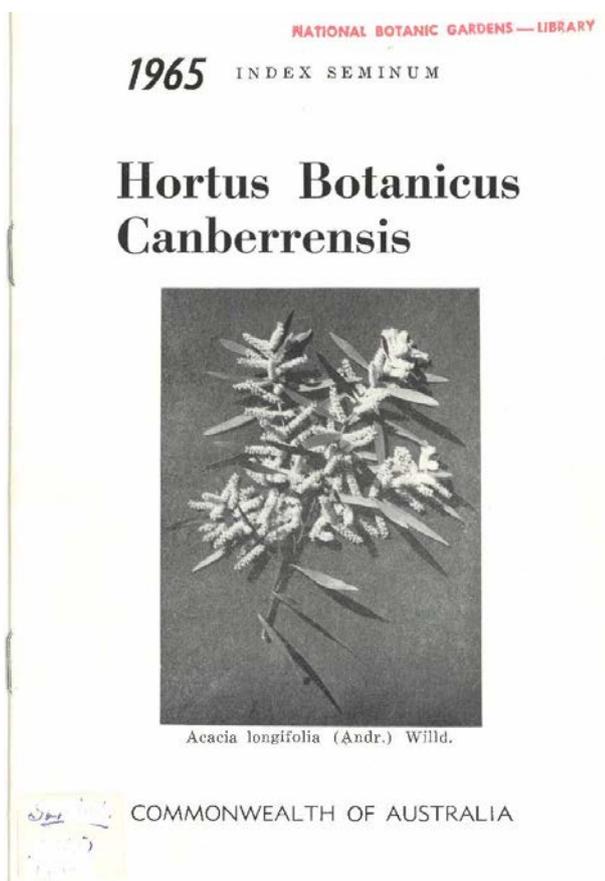
The journal has been guided by many experienced editors over the years including John Sims, William Hooker and later his son, Joseph Dalton Hooker.

After a brief name change to *Kew Magazine* in the 1990s, the journal has reverted to *Curtis's Botanical Magazine*. Historical issues can be viewed online for free via the [Biodiversity Heritage Library](#).



Coloured botanical illustrations are a key feature of *Curtis's Botanical*

## FROM THE ANBG ARCHIVE : *Index Seminum, 1965*



ANBG's *Index Seminum* from 1965.

At the beginning of each year, the ANBG Library receives a number of printed *index seminum* from other botanical gardens and scientific organisations across the globe.

*Index seminum* is latin for 'seed list' and is a way in which seed collecting organisations can exchange excess seeds with similar organisations both nationally and internationally.

The oldest of the ANBG produced *index semina* in our Archive is the 1965, *Index Seminum, Hortus Botanicus Canberrensis* (Latin for Canberra Botanic Gardens). Printed locally by the Queanbeyan Age, it features *Acacia longifolia* on the cover and contains a list of 349 unique taxa on offer.

Many organisations now offer their seed lists via online communication. Received print copies for 2019 are on display in the Library.