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AUSTRALIAN WATER DRAGONS



By Lisa Mitchell

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Australian Water Dragons book launched

A new book, *Australian Water Dragons*, has been launched in September by author Lisa Mitchell.

The author hosted a Canberra launch on 13th September at the ANBG to thank a variety of staff and volunteers/Friends throughout the ANBG site who contributed their scientific expertise in the creation of the book.

The book provides a thoroughly researched,

comprehensive, yet very readable overview of the scientific background, history, identification, communication, life cycle, parietal eye, predators, and conservation of these reptiles. Lavishly illustrated with colour photographs, a glossary, references and further readings round out the book.

With peak water dragon season currently happening at the Gardens, this book is a useful guide for anyone curious to find out more about these fascinating creatures.

Aimed at readers 9+ years, *Australian Water Dragons* is a suitable book for young and older readers alike.

Farewell to ANBG Library volunteer Carol

The ANBG Library and Archive has said a sad farewell to one of our dedicated volunteers, Carol Anderson.

Following a productive career as a librarian, which included over twenty years working with the Department of the Environment in its many iterations, Carol has spent the past ten years of her retirement volunteering on a weekly basis at the ANBG Library. The cataloguing of the ANBG Archive is a testament to Carol's formidable cataloguing skills and is one of the many enduring legacies that Carol leaves.

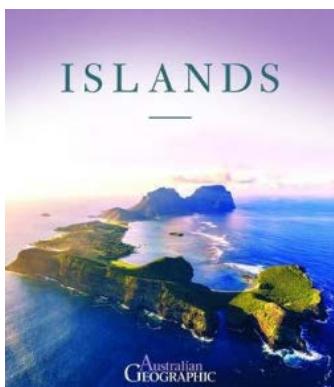
Our sincere thanks to Carol for her many years of hard work and we wish her well as she relocates interstate for new adventures.

Bonsai Australian Native Plants

The Canberra Bonsai Society recently hosted a workshop presented by Hugh Grant on using Australian native plants in bonsai.

The monthly newsletter of the Society, *Wirrabara*, contains an account of the workshop and is on display in the ANBG Library.

A SELECTION OF NEW BOOKS

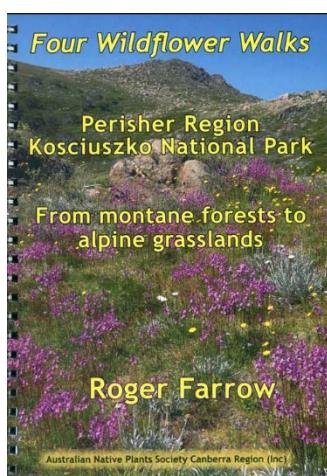


Islands/ Bill Bachman

Sydney: Australian Geographic. 2019. ISBN: 9781925847437
919.48 BAC

Australia's tally of 8222 islands span the tropics to the sub-Antarctic. No other country on Earth revels in a richer diversity of offshore habitats. Many are incomparable natural refuges. Some host plants and animals that live nowhere else. Others give sanctuary to species harried into extinction on the mainland. These isles have seen it all - havens of escape, they nurture creative exiles, as well as renegade spirits of every stripe.

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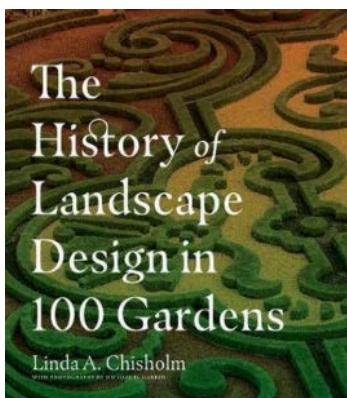


Four Wildflower Walks: Perisher Region Kosciuszko National Park from montane forests to alpine grasslands/ Roger Farrow

Canberra: Australian Native Plants Society Canberra Region. 2019.
ISBN: 9780646946931
796.5109947 FAR

This guide covers the Waterfall, Rennix, Porcupine and Mt Stilwell trails. Plants are pictured in the order that they are seen along the trails in different habitats. Notes are provided to help identify the species in the more difficult genera. A selection of flower-visiting insects are also pictured. Maps of the four walks are provided. The book is wire bound at 80 pages in high quality glossy paper. It is designed as a pocket field guide for visitors and serious botanists visiting not just the trails covered but other parts of the alpine and subalpine regions of the Park.

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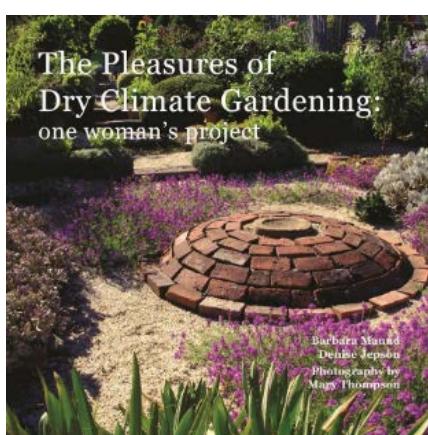


The History of Landscape Design in 100 Gardens/ Linda A. Chisholm

Portland, Oregon: Timber Press. 2018. ISBN: 9781604695298
712.2 CHI

The History of Landscape Design in 100 Gardens explores the defining moments in garden design. Through profiles of 100 of the most influential gardens, Linda Chisholm explores how social, political, and economic influences shaped garden design principles. The book is organised chronologically and by theme, starting with the medieval garden Alhambra and ending with the modern naturalism of the Lurie Garden. Lavishly illustrated, *The History of Landscape Design in 100 Gardens* is a comprehensive resource for garden designers and landscape architects, design students, and garden history enthusiasts.

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The Pleasures of Dry Climate Gardening: one woman's project/ Barbara Maund, Denis Jepson & Mary Thompson

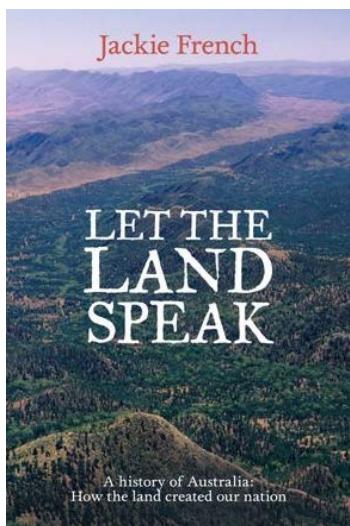
Castlemaine, Vic.: Barbara Maund and Denis Jepson 2018.
ISBN: 9780646977263
635.9525 MAU

Covering a life time of experience, this book details the development of a remarkable garden made by one woman on a limited income. Suited to its dry climate, the garden (in Central Victoria) is an example and encouragement to anyone wanting to create a garden of their own under conditions of restricted rainfall and extreme temperatures.

Giving much practical advice on garden design, plant choices and maintenance the book is also an account of the many influences, both philosophical and practical.

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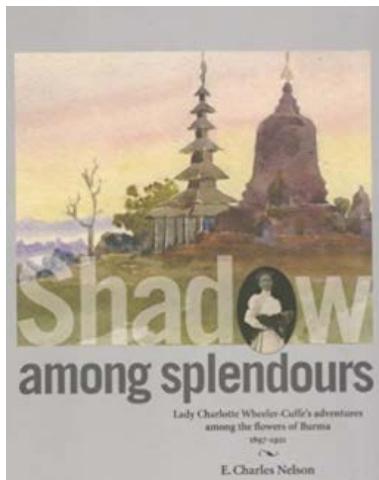
NEW BOOKS CONTINUED



Let the Land Speak/ Jackie French
Sydney, NSW: Harper Collins Publishers. 2019.
ISBN: 9781460758281
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From one of our most respected and award-winning authors, Jackie French, comes a fascinating and fresh interpretation of Australian history, focusing on how the land itself, rather than social forces, has shaped the major events that led to modern Australia. To understand the present, you need to understand the past. To understand Australia's history, you need to look at how the land has shaped not just our past, but will continue to shape our future. Our history is mostly written by those who live, work and research in cities, but it's the land itself which has shaped our history far more powerfully and significantly than we realise. Eye-opening, refreshing, completely fascinating and unforgettable, *Let the Land Speak* will transform the way we understand the role and influence of the land and how it has shaped our nation.

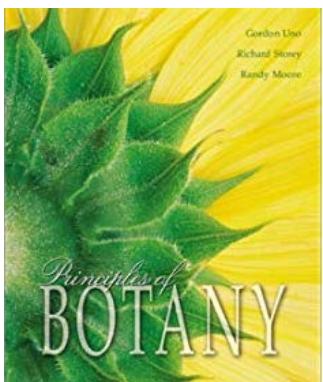
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Shadow among splendours/ E. Charles Nelson
Dublin, National Botanic Gardens. 2013.
ISBN: 9780957594814
580.92 CUF

This is an account of the remarkable life of "Shadow" (Charlotte Wheeler-Cuffe), especially about her adventures in Burma between 1897 and 1921 during which time she twice visited Mount Victoria (Natmataung) where she discovered, among other plants, *Rhododendron cuffeanum* and *Rhododendron burmanicum*. She painted more than a hundred large watercolours of native Burmese orchids, and was given the task of establishing the Maymyo Botanic Garden. Lavishly illustrated with numerous examples of Charlotte Wheeler-Cuffe's watercolours, an original watercolour, commissioned from the late Wendy Walsh, of *Aesculus indica*. and over 200 illustrations.

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Principles of Botany/ Gordon Uno, Richard Storey & Randy Moore
Boston: McGraw-Hill. 2001.
ISBN: 0072285923
580 UNO *Kindly donated by Chris Cargill*

This exciting entry into the discipline of botany is intended for non-science majors, but can be used to teach Introductory Botany at virtually any level. Key features include a stunning art program and engaging writing style from this well-respected author team.

[Source](#)



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Eatons Hill, Queensland: Lisa Mitchell. 2019.
ISBN: 9780648663416
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For a detailed review of *Australian Water Dragons*, please see the feature story on page one of this issue of *Library Connect*.

FEATURED E-JOURNAL : *Journal of Experimental Botany*

According to its website, the [*Journal of Experimental Botany*](#) aims “to publish papers that advance our understanding of plant biology”.

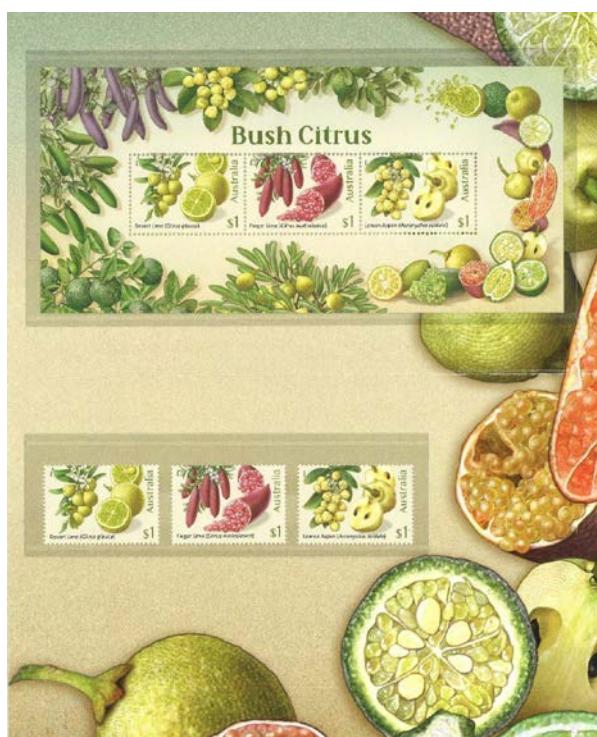
These papers focus on the areas of:

- growth and development
- cell biology
- metabolism
- plant-environment interactions
- crop molecular genetics

Access to the journal from 01/01/1996 to present day is [available](#) via Oxford University Press.



FROM THE ANBG ARCHIVE : *Bush Citrus stamps*



Bush Citrus stamp pack recently released by Australia Post.

The ANBG Archive is a constantly growing collection which includes new, contemporary items of enduring value.

This month's item is our most recent addition to the Archive – the *Bush Citrus* stamp release from Australia Post.

Released on 13 August this year, the *Bush Citrus* stamp set features three species from the citrus family, Rutaceae -the Desert Lime (*Citrus glauca*), Lemon Aspen (*Acronychia acidula*) and Australian Finger Lime (*Citrus australasica*).

Anna Monro, Dave Albrecht and others from the Biodiversity Science Section at ANBG played an advisory role in the release of the stamps and fact checking botanical accuracy for the Australia Post production team.

The attractive \$1 stamps are available in a variety of collectable formats including a minisheet, stamp pack and maxicards and first day of issue envelope.