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Information about Australian native plants can be found in a variety of online sources both nationally and internationally.

An exciting international online resources is the Plants of the World Online Portal created by The Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew.

The online portal is a strategic output of Kew's Science Strategy which aims to provide the public with access to information on all the world's known seed-bearing plants by 2020.

Launched in March 2017, the Portal incorporates digitised content from Kew's extensive physical collections including the Library and Archive, as well as digital databases such as Grassbase and PalmWeb.

Many Australian native plants are included in the Portal. Each plant entry includes general description of the species, distribution, ecology, conservation and hazard information, as well as images, a world map showing distribution and a bibliography with sources of further information.

The Plants of the World Online Portal can be accessed for free via this [link](#).

HISTORY OF GOULBURN GARDEN FEATURED

The interesting history of the garden at 'Kentgrove', a historic property at Goulburn, has been featured in the latest edition of *Australian Garden History*.

Established in the mid-19th century, 'Kentgrove' has seen many changes over the years with the once prosperous orchard and onsite jam factory now a private residence with extensive gardens. The article provides a fascinating insight into the garden history of our region. The full article is available to be read in the Library.

BGANZ Conference coming up in New Zealand

The Botanic Gardens Australia and New Zealand Inc (BGANZ) 9th Congress will be hosted at Te Papa, Wellington, New Zealand from 20 – 23 October. The location has been selected to acknowledge the 150th anniversary of the Wellington Botanic Gardens.

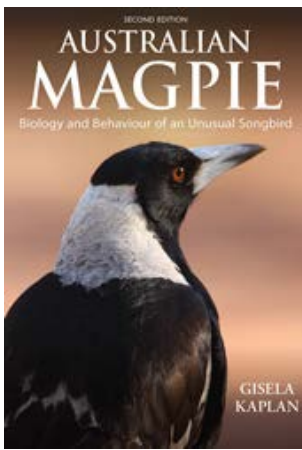
The congress theme is 'Plants from the past: plants for the future'.

A SELECTION OF NEW BOOKS



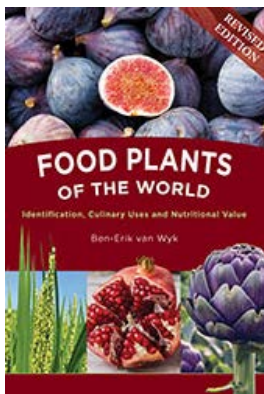
Community-based control of invasive species/ Edited by Paul Martin, Theodore Alter, Don Hine and Tanya Howard.
Clayton South, Vic.: CSIRO Publishing. 2019. ISBN: 9781486308880
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Invasive species are among the greatest challenges to environmental sustainability and agricultural productivity in the world. One of the most promising approaches to managing invasive species is voluntary citizen stewardship. However, in order for control measures to be effective, private citizens often need to make sustained and sometimes burdensome commitments. With chapters on institutional frameworks, changing governance, systems thinking, organisational learning, engagement, communication and behavioural change, this book will be a valuable reference for researchers and practitioners involved in natural resources management. [Source](#)



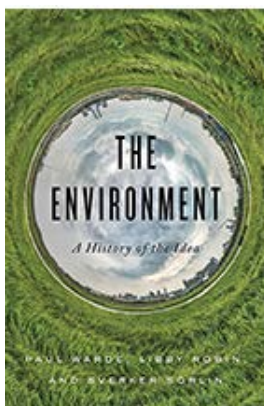
Australian magpie: biology and behaviour of an unusual songbird/ Gisela Kaplan. 2nd edition.
Clayton, Vic.: CSIRO Publishing and UNSW Press. 2019.
ISBN: 9781486307241
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This second edition of *Australian Magpie* is a thoroughly updated and substantially expanded account of the behaviour of these birds. With new chapters on classification, cognition and caring for young, it reveals the extraordinary capabilities of the magpie, including its complex social behaviour. The author, brings together the latest research on the magpie's biology and behaviour, along with previously unpublished information on the origin of magpies, their development and health. [Source](#)



Food plants of the world: identification, culinary uses and nutritional value/ Ben-Erik van Wyk. Revised edition.
Clayton, Vic: CSIRO Publishing. 2019
ISBN: 9781486311668
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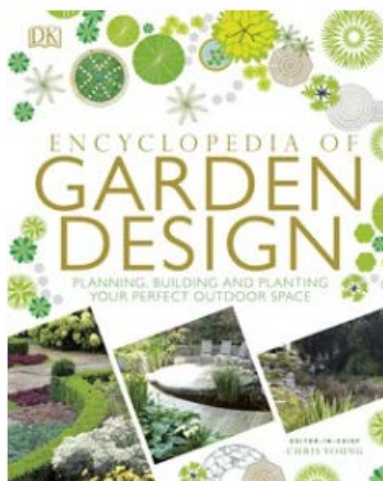
Plants and plant-derived products make up the bulk of what we eat and drink every day, and people often wonder where their favourite food or drink comes from. This scientifically accurate photographic guide provides quick and informative answers. *Food Plants of the World* provides an expanded and updated comprehensive overview of the plants that provide us with food, beverages, spices and flavours. It is written in easy to understand language but gives accurate scientific information on the plants and their uses. [Source](#)



The environment: a history of the idea/ Paul Warde, Libby Robin and Sverker Sorlin
Baltimore, USA: John Hopkins University Press. 2018.
ISBN: 9781421426792
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Is it possible for the economy to grow without the environment being destroyed? The authors trace the emergence of the concept of the environment following World War II, a period characterized by both hope for a new global order and fear of humans' capacity for almost limitless destruction. It was at this moment that a new idea and a new narrative about the planet-wide impact of people's behaviour emerged, closely allied to anxieties for the future. Now we had a vocabulary for talking about how we were changing nature: resource exhaustion and energy, biodiversity, pollution, and eventually climate change. [Source](#)

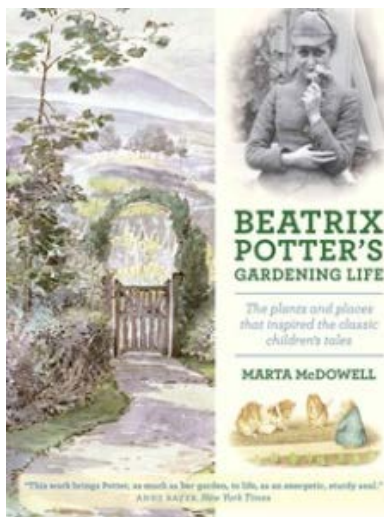
NEW BOOKS CONTINUED



Encyclopedia of Garden Design: planning, building and planting your perfect outdoor space/ Edited by Chris Young and Gini Lee
Melbourne, Vic.: Dorling Kindersley. 2018.
ISBN: 9780143769927
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Whatever the size of your space, and whether starting with a blank canvas or renewing an existing garden, this in-depth manual offers fresh, achievable ideas: grasp the fundamentals of garden design, discover a style that's right for you, and create the structures and planting schemes to bring your ideas to life. Produced to an excellent standard, complete with Australian climate advice and inspiration, the *Encyclopedia of Garden Design* combines style with substance to help transform your outdoor space.

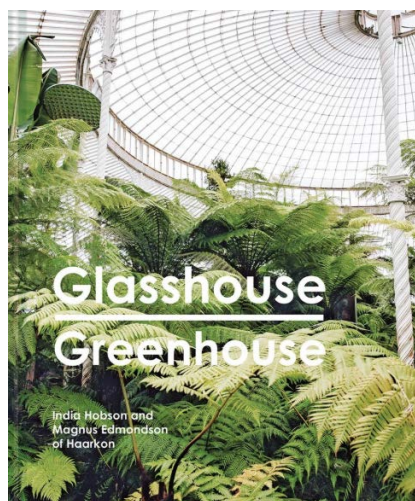
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Beatrix Potter's gardening life/ Marta McDowell
Portland, Timber Press. 2013.
ISBN: 9781604693638
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Beatrix Potter's Gardening Life is the first book to explore the origins of Beatrix Potter's love of gardening and plants and show how this passion came to be reflected in her work. The book begins with a gardener's biography, highlighting the key moments and places throughout her life that helped define her, including her home Hill Top Farm in England's Lake District. Next, the reader follows Beatrix Potter through a year in her garden, with a season-by-season overview of what is blooming that truly brings her gardens alive. The book culminates in a traveller's guide, with information on how and where to visit Potter's gardens today.

[Source](#)



Glasshouse Greenhouse: Haarkon's world tour of amazing botanical spaces/ India Hobson and Magnus Edmondson
London, UK: Pavilion. 2018.
ISBN: 9781911595694
635.9823 HOB

The Haarkon Greenhouse Tour began as a self-initiated adventure in Oxford's botanical gardens four years ago. Since then, Magnus and India have visited countless locations in the UK, Europe, America, Asia and beyond in search of dream greenhouses, capturing dramatic palm houses, tropical hothouses and private potting sheds along the way.

Divided into seven thematic chapters - History, Specimen, Community, Research, Pleasure, Hobbyist and Architecture - the featured greenhouses are depicted via a series of photo-essays that draw out the style, plant collections and character of each space.

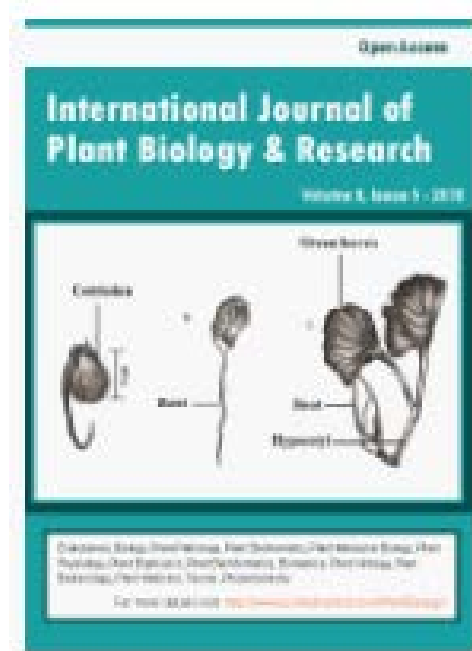
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FEATURED E-JOURNAL :

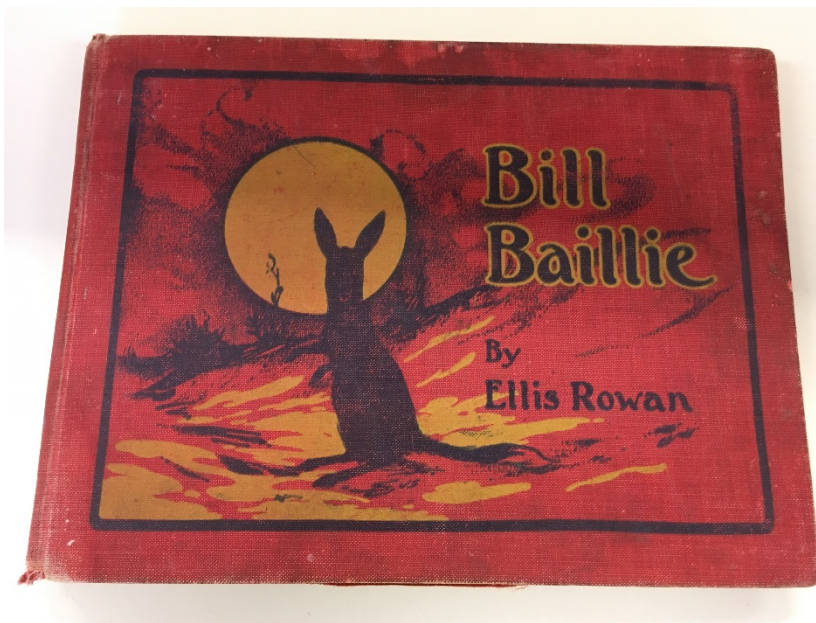
International Journal of Plant Biology & Research

The [International Journal of Plant Biology & Research](#) is a peer-reviewed, Open Access journal covering a wide range of plant science related topics including “morphology, plant physiology, phylogeography, evolutionary biology, phylogeny, taxonomy, plant genetics, ecology, developmental biology, plant cell science, plant molecular biology, plant biochemistry, plant biophysics, plant bioinformatics.”

The complete list of volumes starting from volume 1, issue 1 published in October – December 2013 to the current issue are available for download from the journal's [website](#).



FROM THE ANBG ARCHIVE : *Bill Baillie* book by *Ellis Rowan*



Bill Baillie by Ellis Rowan c.1908.

Photo: Judy Hutchinson

This month's treasure from the archive is the delightful book *Bill Baillie: his life and adventures* by acclaimed botanical artist Ellis Rowan.

Originally published in time for Christmas 1908, the cloth bound book was inspired by Rowan's pet bilby, Bill Baillie, after whom the story's main character was named.

Beautifully illustrated with eight coloured illustrations by Rowan in her distinctive style, and supplemented throughout with black and white drawings by Jack Sommers, the book is reminiscent of the charm of Norman Lindsay's classic children's book *The Magic Pudding* which was published ten years later.

The National Library of Australia released an updated and abridged version of [Bill Baillie](#) in 2018.