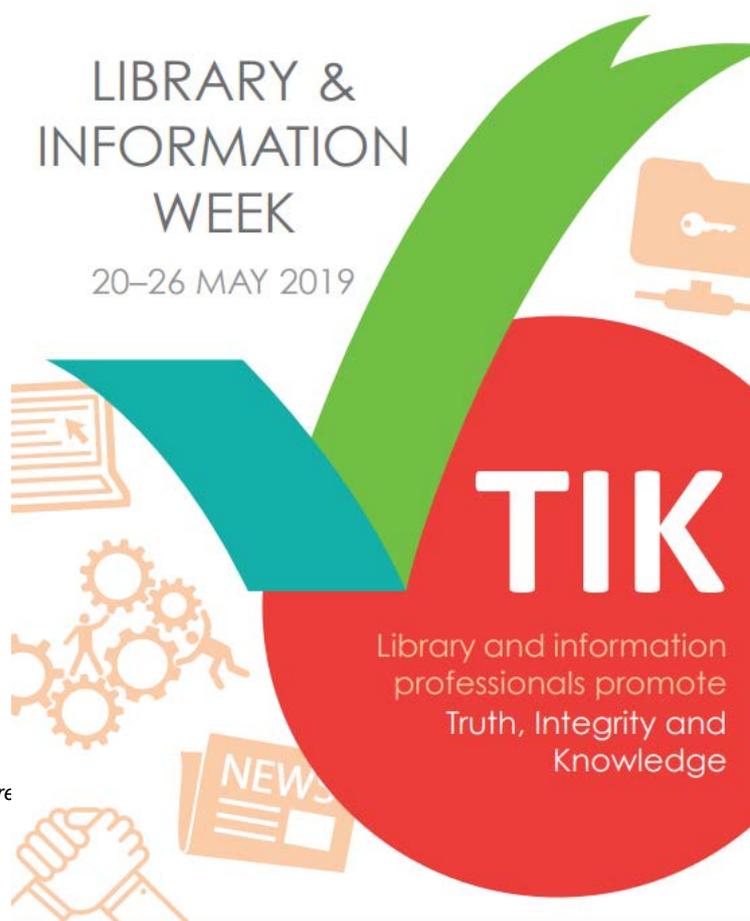


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SEED BANK HELPS RARE QUEENSLAND RAINFOREST SPECIES

Staff from the National Seed Bank at the ANBG have been involved in vital work to help record and protect unique plant species from cool climate mountaintops in Queensland which are threatened due to climate change.

The project will run for five years and is jointly funded by the Ian Potter Foundation and the Wet Tropics Management Authority and also involves researchers from James Cook University.

Articles about the project appeared in a number of publications including [Australian Geographic](#).

LIBRARY & INFORMATION WEEK 2019

Library & Information Week is on again this year, as libraries across Australia celebrate the contribution they make to workplaces and communities.

This year's theme for the week-long celebration is Truth, Integrity and Knowledge and focuses on

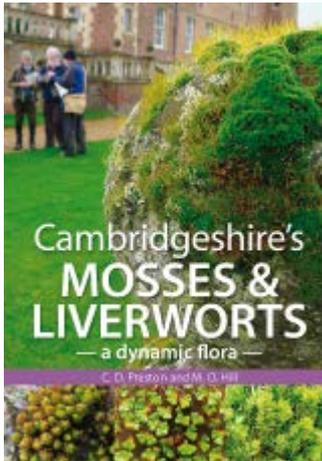
the crucial role qualified library and information professionals play in the promotion of accurate information in an age where 'fake news' abounds.

The Library exists to help all clients connect with accurate and relevant information relating to Australia's natural environment and to assist staff in providing evidence-based advice and decisions to government and other interested parties.

POMADERRIS ARTICLE

Congratulations to Dr Lydia Guja in the National Seed Bank who has co-authored the article *Conservation implications of widespread polyploidy and apomixis: a case study in the genus Pomaderris (Rhamnaceae)* which is now available as an online early release in the journal [Conservation Genetics](#).

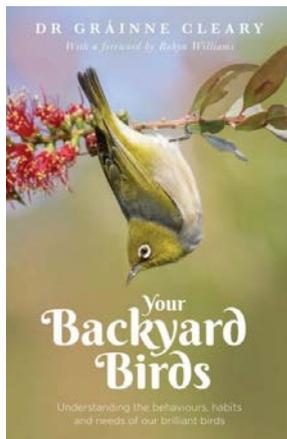
A SELECTION OF NEW BOOKS



Cambridgeshire's Mosses & Liverworts: a dynamic flora/ C.D. Preston and M.O. Hill
Newbury, UK.: Pisces Publications. 2019.
ISBN: 9781874357896
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In *Cambridgeshire's mosses and liverworts*, Chris Preston and Mark Hill describe the current bryophyte flora of the vice-county, based on a survey undertaken by local bryologists between 2000 and 2018. They analyse changes in its bryoflora, drawing on a rich corpus of earlier records, together with data from many specimens in the Cambridge University Herbarium.

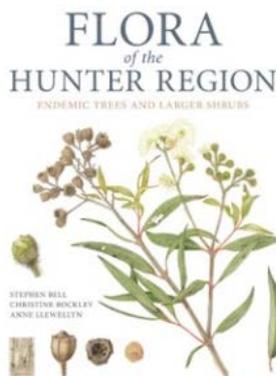
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Your backyard birds: understanding the behaviours, habits and needs of our brilliant birds/ Dr Grainne Cleary
Crows Nest, NSW.: Allen & Unwin. 2019. ISBN: 9781760297350
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A beautiful, inspiring and heart-warming book about our human relationships with the birds who share our backyards. *Your Backyard Birds* provides a fresh and lively perspective on human interaction with birds, written by a wildlife ecologist who is passionate about the vital role of citizen scientists. With a foreword by science journalist and broadcaster Robyn Williams, AM, and chapters dedicated to discovering extraordinary information about Australia's innovative birds, *Your Backyard Birds* is a delightful and compelling read.

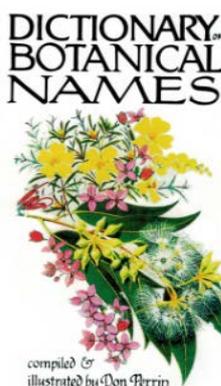
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Flora of the Hunter Region: endemic trees and larger shrubs/ Stephen Bell, Christine Rockley & Anne Llewellyn
Clayton South, Vic.: CSIRO Publishing. 2019. ISBN: 9781486311026
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The Hunter Region, between the Hawkesbury and Manning rivers in eastern New South Wales, hosts a rich diversity of vegetation, with many species found nowhere else. *Flora of the Hunter Region* describes 54 endemic trees and large shrubs, combining art and science in a manner rarely seen in botanical identification guides. Species accounts provide information on distribution, habitat, flowering, key diagnostic features and conservation status, along with complete taxonomic descriptions & illustrations that depict key diagnostic features of each species.

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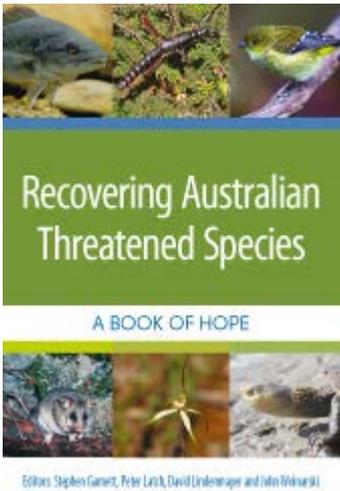


Dictionary of Botanical Names/ Don Perrin
Clayton South, Vic.: CSIRO Publishing. 2018. ISBN: 9780648358701
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This is a significant update of a book first released in 1988. This edition contains 1,000 names which were not in the original edition. There are several such dictionaries of biological names, including botanical ones, but this has the advantage of being Australia-focused (though not exclusively). Perrin was involved in native plant growing and educating in the Blue Mountains and more recently in south Queensland, and his dictionary refers particularly to Australian genera and families; sometimes for a species name he refers us to an Australian example of its use.

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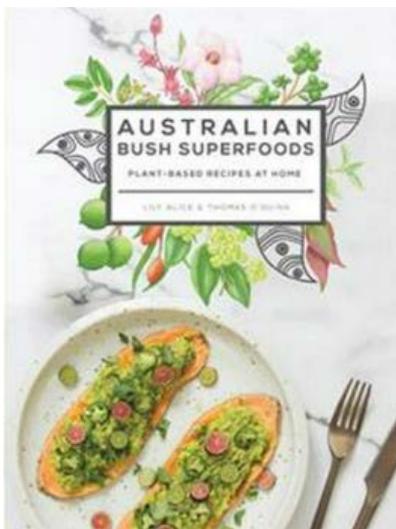
NEW BOOKS CONTINUED



Recovering Australian Threatened Species: a book of hope/ Stephen Garnett, Peter Latch, David Lindenmayer & John Woinarski (eds.)
Clayton South, Vic.: CSIRO Publishing. 2018. ISBN: 9781486307418
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Recovering Australian Threatened Species showcases successful conservation stories and identifies approaches and implementation methods that have been most effective in recovering threatened species. These diverse accounts – dealing with threatened plants, invertebrates, fish, reptiles, birds and mammals – show that the conservation of threatened species is achievable: that it can be done and should be done. It shows that with dedication, knowledge and support, we can retain and restore our marvellous natural heritage, and gift to our descendants a world that is as diverse, healthy and beautiful as that which we have inherited.

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Australian Bush Superfoods / Lily Alice & Thomas O'Quinn
Richmond, Vic.: Explore Australia. 2017. ISBN: 9781741175400
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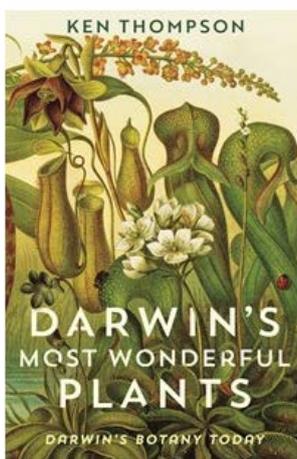
Many of Australia's native bushfoods contain nutritional qualities that not only qualify them as superfoods, but in some cases outshine the more commonly known forms. From the Kakadu plum with its unmatched vitamin C content, to Bunya nuts that contain natural antibacterial properties, knowledge of these superfoods has been passed down in Aboriginal cultures for thousands of years.

Australian Bush Superfoods features 40 of Australia's most interesting and beneficial bush superfoods, with beautiful illustrations and information on where they grow, traditional Indigenous uses, nutritional benefits, and advice on how to use them in your home kitchen. Each superfood is accompanied by an easy plant-based recipe, such as Sweet Potato Toast with Finger Lime Guacamole, Kakadu Plum & Lilly Pilly

Smoothie Bowl, or Spiced Apple and Riberry Chia Pudding.

A section on sourcing bush superfoods means that you will be able to find these native ingredients – whether they be fresh, dried, or frozen – with ease. Fresh warrigal greens, macadamia nuts and lemon myrtle will become staple ingredients in your kitchen in no time.

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Darwin's most wonderful plants / Ken Thompson
London: Profile Books. 2018. ISBN: 9781788160285
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Most of us think of Darwin at work on the *Beagle*, taking inspiration for his theory of evolution from his travels in the Galapagos. But Darwin published his *Origin of Species* nearly thirty years after his voyages and most of his labours in that time were focused on experimenting with and observing plants at his house in Kent. He was particularly interested in carnivorous and climbing plants, and in pollination and the evolution of flowers. Author Ken Thompson, like Darwin, is fascinated and amazed by the powers of plants - particularly their Triffid-like aspects of movement, hunting and 'plant intelligence'. This book re-establishes Darwin as a pioneering botanist.

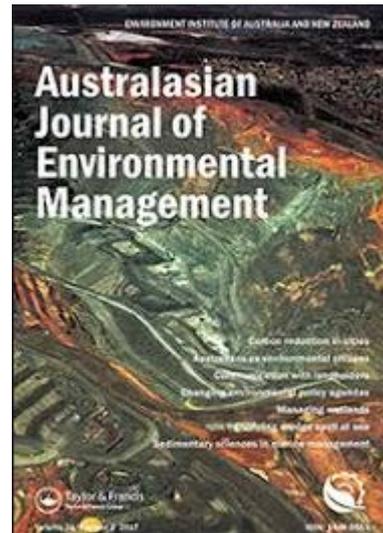
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FEATURED E-JOURNAL : *Australasian Journal of Environmental Management*

[*Australasian Journal of Environmental Management*](#) covers topics relating to policy and practice in resource and environmental management.

Published four times a year, the journal focuses on the Australasian region with particular interest paid to Australian and New Zealand practice.

All articles are peer reviewed and double-blind refereed to ensure accuracy and high quality standards of research are upheld.



FROM THE ANBG ARCHIVE : *Postcard*



Banksia and Wattle-bird postcard from 1981.

The ANBG Archive holds a collection of postcards that have been produced over the years showcasing various aspects of the Gardens.

This month's featured postcard comprises a colour photograph on the front taken by photographer former Ranger Kurt Thaler and bears the inscription "A red wattle-bird on *Banksia spinulosa*. The flowers of many native plants are adapted to pollination by birds" on the reverse side.

Produced in 1981, this is part of one of the earliest series of postcards held in our collection depicting various plants as well as animals interacting with the plants in the ANBG.

These postcards were available from the Visitor Centre for visitors to send to friends and family, and served both as a souvenir of their visit and also as promotional marketing of the ANBG.