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The Library is staffed Monday – Friday 9.30am – 4.30pm and I can also be contacted by email, phone, or Teams if you need assistance.

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We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of Country throughout Australia and recognise their continuing connection to land, waters and culture. We pay our respects to their Elders past and present.



For your interest

ABC News

Rainfall brings 'super bloom' of Sturt's desert pea to outback SA.
20 September 2026
Olivia Mason
Link

Australian Journal of Botany, 74(3)

The botany of money; geographical and sociological patterns in plant images on currency.
May 2026
P.G. Ladd and V. M. Dörken
Link

Botanic Gardens Australia & New Zealand

Twenty Years of Testing: Germination Trials at the Tasmanian Seed Conservation Centre.
3 September 2026
James Wood
Link

Resilient Gardens Series – Part 1: A Conversation with Sue McDougall.
12 September 2026
Julia Watson
Link

Ecological Management & Restoration, 27(3), e70066

A Call for Water—Investigating the Water Requirements for the Endangered Australasian Bittern
Botaurus poiciloptilus.
September 2026
Elizabeth Znidersic, Rupert Mathwin, Sarah Talbot, Andrew Hall, Michael Towsey, Skye Wassens
Link

International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources

From collections to conservation: the indispensable role of natural history museums.
13 July 2026
Link

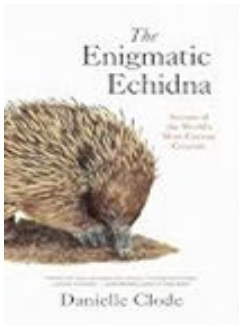
Nature Plants

High-performance living plant collections require a globally integrated data ecosystem to meet twenty-first-century challenges.
9 January 2026
Samuel F. Brockington, Patricia Malcolm, Anthony S. Aiello, et al.
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The Conversation

We could soon be able to track changes in Australia's forests in near-real time – using satellites.
17 September 2026
Brendan Choat
Link

New additions to the collection



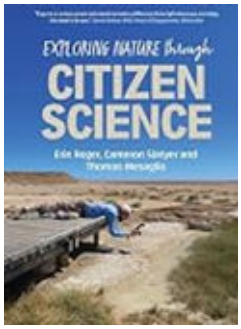
The enigmatic echidna : secrets of the world's most curious creature / Danielle Clode.

Wurundjeri Country Collingwood, VIC : Black Inc, [2026]

ISBN: 9781760645328

*“There are few animals more unusual than the echidna - a spiky, egg-laying mammal that eats ants. And the more we learn about them, the more intriguing they become. There's their multi-tasking snout, which they can use like a snorkel when swimming or to sense electromagnetic fields. They have strikingly complex brains, startling physical strength and 'backwards' back feet. And during the mating season, male echidnas will line up behind a female, cooing and forming an orderly echidna train, waiting for their chance to impress her with some truly remarkable reproductive equipment. In "*The Enigmatic Echidna*", Danielle Clode follows the echidna on its eclectic path through the Australian landscape. Equal parts surprising, amusing and enlightening, this is an irresistible journey into their unique and beautiful world.”* -- Back cover.

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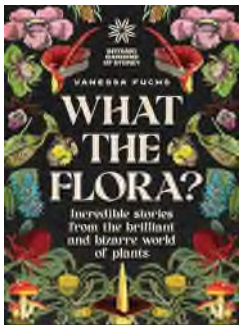
Exploring nature through citizen science / Erin Roger, Cameron Slatyer and Thomas Mesaglio.

Clayton, VIC : CSIRO Publishing, [2026]

ISBN: 9781486319763

“Citizen science is involving the public in collecting and analysing scientific data and discovering new scientific knowledge. Approachable and inclusive, it is an excellent option for people looking for ways to get involved and make a difference, and there has never been a better time than now. Exploring Nature through Citizen Science *introduces citizen science and showcases its benefits, with a focus on Australia, including urban environments. The book explores the various types of projects available, explaining how the data is used to create real-world impact and offering practical guidance on what photographs to take and which data to record for different groups of organisms. Example projects from across Australia range from activities you can do in your home to active data collection in more remote areas, making it easier than ever for people to get involved in citizen science.”* -- Back cover.

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What the flora? : incredible stories from the brilliant and bizarre world of plants / Vanessa Fuchs.

Gadigal Country Ultimo, NSW : Pantera Press, 2026

ISBN: 9781923390003

“Get ready for a wild ride through the most shocking, inspiring and downright unbelievable stories about plant life, from the experts at Botanic Gardens of Sydney. This is your backstage pass to the drama, mystery and importance of Earth's most overlooked species. Blending science, true crime, history and a touch of lore, What the Flora? *offers a fresh perspective on the ingenuity and wonders of the plant kingdom. From Australia's wildest landscapes to the farthest reaches of the globe, scientists and plant obsessives are uncovering strange stories and profound truths about plants that will leave you feeling fascinated and slightly unnerved. You'll encounter trees that survived atomic blasts and deadly species that have shaped medicine and myth, discover the mind-bending secrets of plant intelligence and learn how pollen can be used to crack a murder case. This thrilling journey also reveals the remarkable ways plants have shaped our world: fuelling civilisations, inspiring innovation and sustaining all life on Earth. Our very survival is intertwined with theirs, and protecting plants may be our greatest hope for the future. Whether you're a hardcore plant nerd or just curious, this book will forever transform the way you see plants.”* -- Back cover.

Shelf no. **580 FUC**

Guide to accessioning living collections [electronic resource] / Patricia Malcolm & Noelia Álvarez de Román.

Richmond, United Kingdom : Botanic Gardens Conservation International, 2026.

"The Guide to Accessioning Living Collections *provides a practical framework for documenting and managing living plant collections. Good documentation enables plants to be traced throughout their life cycle, supports collection management and decision-making, and helps gardens understand the conservation value of their collections."* -- Website.

Online : https://www.bgci.org/resources/bgci-tools-and-resources/guide-to-accessioning-living-collections/