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Arigozanthus 'Bush Volcano'. Image by Fagg, M.

Message from our Acting Director

Welcome to our fifth edition of the Atlas of Living Australia (ALA) Newsletter. Here we strive to keep you updated on our activities, highlight stories from our data providers and users, as well as keep you informed of any changes and updates to our infrastructure. For my full message, [read more](#).

Wishing you a happy and safe holiday season, and best wishes for the new year,

Hamish Holewa

Highlights

ALA in use: Why species live where they live

Physiological Ecologist, Michael Kearney, explains how species trait data is opening up a world of possibilities.

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ALA's data providers

Our data providers are the backbone of the ALA, providing authoritative data for species names and classification, spatial and environmental layers, and occurrence data.

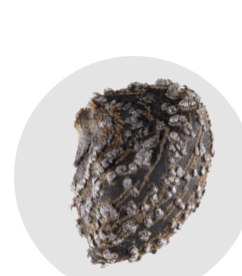
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Intriguing native seeds sprout national digitisation project

Images and traits of 1000 Australian native plant seeds are now available on the ALA.

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Eastern Arnhem Land cross-cultural collaboration

Rangers from eastern Arnhem Land Indigenous Protected Areas and Macquarie University ecologists build on the ALA's Indigenous Ecological Knowledge program.

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Updates

New ALA Help

We're excited to announce the launch of our Knowledge Base. You can now search or browse articles to find the help you need.

[ALA Knowledge Base](#)



Tips & Tricks

Data quality

Find out more about our data standards and how we are continually working with data providers to improve data quality.

[Read more](#)



Focus on BioCollect

The ALA's advanced field data collection tool is fast becoming the default data collection application in Australia.

798

BioCollect projects

73

organisations using BioCollect

64,427

surveys completed using BioCollect

FEATURED PROJECTS



CITIZEN SCIENCE
Echidna CSI
Sightings: 4,340
Org: University of Adelaide



ECOSCIENCE
Tracks Hub
Records: 1,340
Org: Central Land Council



NRM WORKS
Allora Mountain
Flora & Fauna
Reserve
Org: Allora Landcare Group

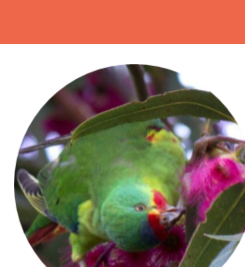
ALA in the news



NEW BOOK
Citizen Science:
Innovation in open
science, society
and policy



ARTICLE
Bilby's greater foe:
Cat or fox?



ARTICLE
Tracking Critically
Endangered Swift
Parrots
Using Drones

Featured Image

Every day new images of Australia's amazingly diverse species are uploaded to the ALA.

For this edition, we've chosen to highlight an image by Greg Neill of a Common Tree Snake (*Dendrelaphis punctulatus*).

To see all new images as they are uploaded to the ALA, visit [Recent sightings](#).



Atlas of Living Australia Dashboard



225
scientific journal
articles citing ALA
in 2018



78.3 million
integrated
occurrence records

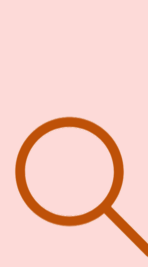


15
global instances of
ALA infrastructure

Handy Links & Resources



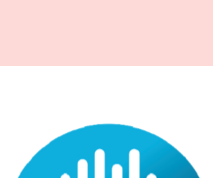
The Spatial Portal
Analyse species,
location and
environment data



Search species
Find images and
information for
Australian species



Record a sighting
Upload your own
species image and
location
information



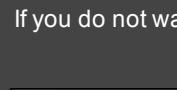
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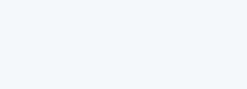
The Atlas of Living Australia acknowledges Australia's Traditional Owners and pays respect to the past and present Elders of the nation's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities. We honour and celebrate the spiritual, cultural and customary connections of Traditional Owners to country and the biodiversity that forms part of that country.

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