

Atlas of Living Australia Newsletter June 2019

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Mesembryanthemum crystallinum (Crystalline Ice Plant). Image by Robert Browne-Cooper (CC-BY)

Message from our Director, Dr Andre Zerger

Although the Atlas of Living Australia (ALA) is a relatively mature national biodiversity data infrastructure, as a team we continue to explore ways to improve the utility of the data we provide users.

[Read Andre's full message](#)



Highlights

ALA helps improve environmental impact assessments in Western Australia

In 2018, the WA government launched the Index of Biodiversity Surveys for Assessments (IBSA) to streamline processing of environmental data in planning applications. One year on, the impact and value of the data hub is clear.

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ALA—iNaturalist collaboration

The Atlas of Living Australia (ALA) has signed a membership agreement with iNaturalist – the global biodiversity social network. This collaboration will improve the user experience for people uploading sightings, lead to better species identification, and improve the quality of data entering the ALA from individual observations.

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BowerBird builds new nest on iNaturalist

BowerBird.org.au is closing down after more than 10 years. Dr Ken Walker explains how BowerBird users can continue to participate in biodiversity science through iNaturalist.

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Living Atlas video tutorials

The Living Atlases community continues to help countries around the world develop biodiversity infrastructure based on the Atlas of Living Australia (ALA) open source platform. Two new videos explain the main features of the platform.

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Updates

Web redesign

Keep your eyes open for a new-look Atlas of Living Australia. We are due to launch our new website any day now.

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Recent news

ALA super user receives Queen's birthday honours

Bev Overton, founder of the Kangaroo Island Regional Herbarium and contributor of over 7,660 observations to the Atlas of Living Australia (ALA), was recognised for her significant service to conservation and the environment.

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Congratulations EcoEd – finalists in CAUDIT awards

EcoEd provides access to essential digital tools for tertiary ecoscience students and teachers. The Atlas of Living Australia (ALA) is an EcoEd member, alongside BCCVL, TERN, ecocloud, ABARES and ARDC.

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Featured image

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

To celebrate our membership of the iNaturalist network, we're highlighting an image from an ALA record contributed by an iNaturalist user – [Eastern Dwarf Tree Frog](#) (*Litoria fallax*) by Mark Calabretta (CC-BY-NC-Int).



Atlas of Living Australia dashboard



51,780
registered users



85 million
integrated
occurrence records



16
global instances of
ALA infrastructure

Handy links & resources



Spatial Portal
Analyse species, location and environment data.



Search ALA
Search species, datasets, and more.



Record a sighting
Upload your sightings of plants, animals and fungi.



The Atlas of Living Australia is made possible by contributions from its many partners. It receives support through the Australian Government's National Collaborative Research Infrastructure Strategy (NCRIS) and is hosted by CSIRO.



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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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