

Atlas of Living Australia Newsletter October 2019

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Common Sea Dragon (*Phyllopteryx taeniolatus*). Image by johnturnbull uploaded to iNaturalist Australia's Australasian Fishes project (CC-BY-NC-SA)

Dear Atlas of Living Australia community,

I'm really pleased to announce that [iNaturalist Australia](#) is now live. The collaboration with iNaturalist is a good fit for the Atlas of Living Australia (ALA) ensuring significant improvements to data quality and user experience.

In this newsletter, we also announce the new Chair of our Advisory Board, outline recent improvements to the DigiVol platform, highlight ALA projects and upcoming conferences.

We hope you enjoy reading about our activities.

Regards,

Dr Andre Zerger, Director, Atlas of Living Australia

iNaturalist Australia now live and linked with the ALA



This week we launched [iNaturalist Australia](#), the Australian node of iNaturalist, the world's leading global social biodiversity network. All observations uploaded to iNaturalist Australia are fed into the Atlas of Living Australia.

iNaturalist Australia's species identification features and data quality measures will ensure your plant, animal or fungi sightings are more valuable than ever.

[Read more](#)



Record an observation with iNaturalist Australia



Access iNaturalist Australia help articles and FAQs



Meet iNaturalist Australia's super users

Highlights

New ALA Advisory Board Chair and two new members

In September, Dr Diana Day was appointed the new Chair of the Atlas of Living Australia Advisory Board. She replaced Dr Patrick Greene who had been with the ALA for two years.

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Brazil Living Atlas launched

Brazil has launched its national biodiversity platform based on the Atlas of Living Australia infrastructure. There are now 22 installations of the Living Atlases platform across the globe.

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Technical updates

Recent upgrades improve camera trap image processing

The number of records being contributed to the Atlas of Living Australia via DigiVol's camera trap projects has increased markedly over the last year due to upgrades to the DigiVol platform.

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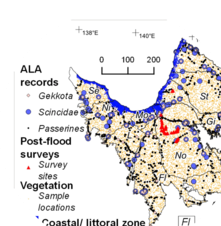
News from the ALA community and end users



New fossil robber fly named after the Biodiversity Heritage Library



ALA helping to record data on damaged subalpine Snow Gums

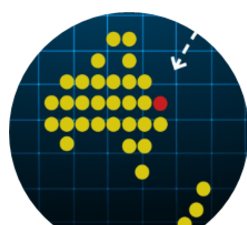


ALA data used to assess impact of Qld floods

Conferences and events



Biodiversity Next 2019
20-25 Oct, Leiden, The Netherlands



eResearch Australasia 2019
21-25 Oct, Brisbane



GEO Week 2019 Ministerial Summit
4-9 Nov, Canberra



Ecological Society of Australia 2019
24-29 Nov, Launceston

Recent observation from iNaturalist Australia

Every day new images of Australia's amazingly diverse species are added to the Atlas of Living Australia (ALA) by many different data providers.

This image of a [Chiloglottis valida](#) (Common Bird-Orchid) was recently uploaded to iNaturalist Australia by Paul George (CC-BY-NC-SA) in Victoria.



Handy links & resources



Spatial Portal
Analyse species, location and environment data.



Search ALA
Search species, datasets, and more.



Explore your area
Enter your location to find out what species live near you.



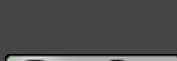
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The Atlas of Living Australia acknowledges Australia's Traditional Owners and pays respect to the past and present Elders of the nation's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities. We honour and celebrate the spiritual, cultural and customary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

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