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Eastern Cleaner Clingfish (*Cochleocephalus orientalis*) - Observation © Erik Schlogl

Director's message

I'd like to welcome you to the first of our 2021 ALA newsletters by thanking everyone who helped make our ten-year celebrations such a success.

[Read Andre Zerger's full message](#)

Improvements to data filters

Helping you search and filter data in the ALA

We've just released a new capability to pre-filter occurrence record search results. Now lower quality records (e.g. incomplete or inconsistent) are not shown unless they are actively included.

[Read more](#)



Next ALA webinar

Citizen science and disaster recovery

Wednesday 3 March 1pm (AEDT)

Join our citizen science guru, Erin Roger, in conversation with three leading scientists to discuss how community contributions are enabling effective response and recovery from extreme events.

[Register now](#)



All ALA webinars now available on our YouTube channel

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Highlights

Improving access to sensitive species data

We're kicking off a new collaborative project that aims to address some of the major challenges for people working with sensitive and threatened species data.

[Read more](#)



Help us understand extreme events

Check out the first two blogs in this three part series on CSIROscope exploring the ways you can help scientists prepare for and understand extreme events.

[Read more](#)



Research impact

DNA key to identifying eggs in museum collections

A new study shows how the scientific value of collections can be improved by DNA technologies that provide high-confidence taxonomic identifications of specimens.

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Have you used the Atlas of Living Australia for your research?

If so, please let us know. We would love to feature your work in our newsletter and add your papers to our list of publications. Please submit your publications via our simple online form.

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Awards and challenges



[Pest Invaders](#)

Feb-Jun 2021



[GBIF Young Researcher Award](#)

Entries due 31 May 2021



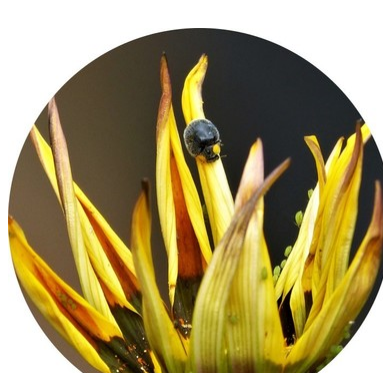
[GBIF Ebbe Nielsen Challenge](#)

Entries due 2 Aug 2021

Recent observations

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 little [Yellow-shouldered Ladybird \(Apolinus lividigaster\)](#) was spotted in Dover Heights, NSW and uploaded to iNaturalist Australia by marielaurenceo. Image licence: CC-BY-NC 4.0.



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