

## WHAT SHOULD I BRING?

To identify a plant as accurately as possible, you will need to bring a sample (live or pressed and dried) which should include as many of the following as possible

- Flowers, fruit and buds
- Leaves
- Notes on the bark and form of the plant
- A photograph of the plant and/or close-ups of any notable features
- Information about where the plant was collected and any details which may help in identifying your specimen

The public reference herbarium specimens combined with the electronic keys and reference books available at the Botanical Resource Centre can be used to identify native plants from the south-east region of NSW. The books and keys may also assist you in identifying cultivated plants.



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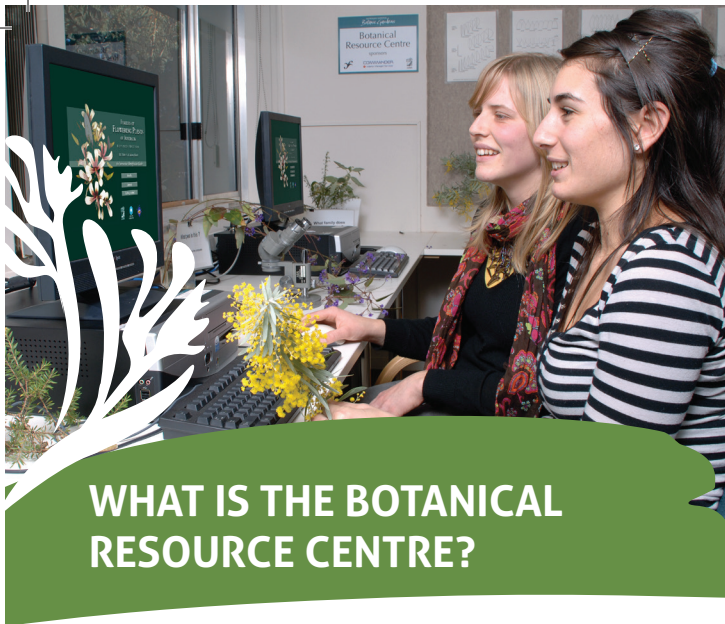
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## BOTANICAL RESOURCE CENTRE



*Alive with discovery*

Plant identification at your fingertips



## WHAT IS THE BOTANICAL RESOURCE CENTRE?

The Botanical Resource Centre (BRC) is an accessible, friendly place for visitors to the Australian National Botanic Gardens to learn more about the Australian environment and its diverse flora.

Located within the BRC is a public reference herbarium of native and naturalised plants of the south-east region of NSW. This library of pressed plant specimens can be used to help identify plants of the region.

The BRC also provides access to a range of electronic plant identification tools, microscopes and reference books to assist visitors to identify local plants. Visitors are encouraged to explore the large range of dried specimens in the public reference herbarium. Visitors may also bring their own specimens of plants of interest.

The BRC is located in the Ellis Rowan Building, next door to the Gardens Café.

## WHO CAN USE THE BRC?

Anyone can! The BRC can be used free of charge, by anyone who is interested in learning about Australian plants including landcare groups, bushwalkers, botanical consultants, artists and horticulturalists. It is especially recommended for students of botany and environmental sciences.

## WHAT PLANTS ARE IN THE PUBLIC REFERENCE HERBARIUM?

The public reference herbarium contains a collection of:

- common native species found throughout Canberra and the surrounding regions covering the Southern Tablelands, Australian Alps and the South Coast
- the flora of Black Mountain (compiled by the Friends of Aranda Bushland)
- regional weed species

Each specimen in the public reference herbarium is labelled with information including the scientific name, the place it was collected, and often photographs and notes on the plant's natural history. Cultivated plants not otherwise occurring in the region are not represented in the public reference herbarium.

## WHAT RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE?

In addition to the public reference herbarium the BRC provides access to:

- electronic plant identification keys
- online plant databases
- a collection of popular reference books and tools to aid identification of Australian plants

Live plant specimens are displayed regularly for those interested in improving their skills in examining and identifying plants.

