



# AUSTRALASIAN PLANT CONSERVATION Instructions for authors

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# What is the Australasian Plant Conservation bulletin?

Australasian Plant Conservation (APC) - the quarterly bulletin of the Australian Network for Plant Conservation (ANPC) - is a forum for information exchange for all those involved in plant conservation, whether in research, management, or on-ground practice, and where they can share their work with others. Each issue contains a range of articles on plant conservation issues, usually on a particular theme, which reflect the interests of the range of ANPC's membership. However, off-theme articles are welcome at any time. Regular features include lists of the latest relevant publications, membership profiles, Australian Seed Bank Partnership news, and conference and workshop reports.

APC publishes articles from the breath of fields that inform plant conservation in Australalasia, including, but not limited to, ecology, botany, conservation biology, aquatic botany, bryology, mycology, restoration, horticulture, social science (e.g., community environmental management), natural resource management and environmental policy.

The role of APC is to provide a common forum accessible to scientific researchers, land and natural resource managers and ecological consultants, and community practitioners. APC is a great way for scientists to communicate their findings to practitioners, and conversely for practitioners to report their work and practical issues in a scientific forum; an important part of APC's role is to provide an avenue for practitioners with limited or no scope for publication in their field. Student and trainee papers are encouraged, as are papers from our Australasian neighbours (e.g., New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, New Caledonia). To the extent possible, and with the exception of policy articles, we prefer material which includes at least indicative results and some attempt to identify generalisable results (not simply 'we did this', but 'here's what it means in our situation').

APC is not a 'peer-reviewed' journal, but it is edited to a high scientific and technical standard, in liaison with authors as necessary. We seek to operate at the interface of the science and management of plant conservation, publishing information which can be applied to improve plant conservation.

We ask authors to keep our broad readership in mind – we seek articles that are as far as possible 'plain-English', without being dumbed down. Please take space in your draft to briefly explain (rather than assume) technical terms or concepts, or local situations, that may be unfamiliar to other sections of the readership. Please discuss with the editor if in doubt.

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# What types of articles are published?

- Articles (usually <1200 words).</li>
- Information snippets, details of new publications or research, and diary dates.

### What are the fees involved?

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- Use Australian English, so 'colour' not 'color', and use 's' not 'z' in words such as 'organisation', 'recognise' etc. (unless, for example, in titles of already published documents in reference list).
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Please submit your document with single spacing.	The theme of this issue is Ferals, which constitute a major threat to many Australian ecosystems, and present severe practical difficulties to restoration of vegetation across large areas of the continent. It is pleasing that we have three articles which focus on semi-arid and arid Australia, which make up much of our wide, brown land but which are not often the focus of landscape scale restoration.  Limiting the depredation of feral animals in restoration projects can be an expensive and frustrating task.  Chris Macris and his colleagues point to the potential for an innovative new approach, and it will be interesting to learn in the future of the outcomes of the trials. I would hope that future issues will contain further articles on feral problems as, unfortunately, the diversity of feral species and their impacts continues to grow.
Use of subheadings We encourage the use of subheadings. Capital letter only for first word and proper nouns. No full stop at end of subheading.	Linking to schools  Landscape restoration can be quite a technical subject, relating to methodologies, machinery, site preparation,

# Paragraph style The predominantly male individuals of 324 were recorded Each paragraph should be separated with male flowers a sum total of 72 times plus once with by a blank line, and not indented. fruit, significantly higher than other males (all 21 times or less). The highest sum total for female individuals was 401 which produced female flowers or fruit 60 times. Use one space after each sentence and single 'quotes'. The monitoring data for the wild plants show that seven of the ten trees produce female flowers only (Figure 4). Fruit have been produced on all these trees except tree 401, which has only produced fruit at the translocation sites. Two of the wild plants have always been recorded as male and one male tree (324) has produced flower buds but these have not been able to be sexed. Trees 402 and 422 have produced fruit once. Lists with bullets It can be useful to present Making and placing seedballs information as lists with a series of bulleted entries as follows: · The text before the list ends with a colon. · One line spacing after each entry. · First word of each entry capitalised. • Full stop after each entry.

With the assistance of volunteers, we made four types of seedballs with a range of seed types. These four seedball types contained:

- Eucalyptus species: Apple Box (E. bridgesiana), Broadleaved Peppermint (E. dives), Red Box (E. polyanthemos) and Scribbly Gum (E. rossii).
- Species with fluffy seeds: Australian Blackthorn (Bursaria spinosa), Shiny Cassinia (Cassinia longifolia) and Sticky Everlasting (Xerochrysum viscosum).
- Grasses: Corkscrew (Austrostipa scabra), Red-leg (Bothriochloa macra), Weeping (Microlaena stipoides) and Wallaby (Rytidosperma caespitosum and R. pallidum).
- Species with hard-coated seeds: Box-leaf, Red-stem and Silver Wattles (Acacia buxifolia, A. rubida and A. dealbata) and Wedge-leaf Hopbush (Dodonaea viscosa subsp. cuneata).

# **Abbreviations**

Spell out when first used e.g., "Australian Network for Plant Conservation (ANPC)" then in every other position throughout your article it can remain "ANPC".

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Use (in italic font): "et al.", "ex situ", "in situ", "e.g.," and "i.e.,".

# **Spelling**

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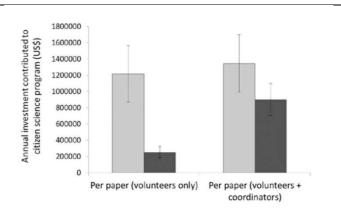
Figure 3. Male and female flowers collected from the same branch of tree 418. Photo: Dianne Brown



Xanthoparmelia sp., a member of the foliose lichen morphogroup. Photo: Max Mallen-Cooper.

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the ecosystem services which they performed. Indeed, many of these species were lost before we understood the role they played in the ecosystem (Gordon *et al.* 2017).

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