



Mapping Biodiversity

The Atlas of Living Australia

Saw Banksia - *Banksia serrata*



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Banksia serrata - names



Integrated Botanical Information System (IBIS)
Australian National Botanic Gardens
Australian National Herbarium



Australian Plant Name Index (APNI)

Proteaceae

Banksia serrata L.f.

Linnaeus, C. filius (1782), *Supplementum Plantarum*: 126 [tax. nov.]

Type: "Habitat in Nova Hollandia. I. Banks, Armiger."

Comment: Given under BANKSIA L.f. (*nom. cons.*). Base name for *Isostylis serrata* (L.f.) Britten; *Sirmuelleria serrata* (L.f.) Kuntze.

Kuntze, C.E.O. (1891), *Revisio Generum Plantarum* 2: 582

basonym of: [Sirmuelleria serrata \(L.f.\) Kuntze](#)

Britten, J. in Banks, J. & Solander, D.C. (1905), *Illustrations of Australian plants collected in 1770 during Captain Cook's voyage round the world* 3: 83, t. 270

basonym of: [Isostylis serrata \(L.f.\) Britten](#)

Hill, A.W. (1942) *Botanical Magazine* 163: t. 9642

George, A.S. (1981) The genus *Banksia* L.f. (Proteaceae). *Nuytsia* 3(3): 320-322

Lectotype: "BM, a sheet labelled by Banks: "New South Wales Botany Bay. J.B." and by Robert Brown "Banksia serrata Linn suppl. Botany Bay". The sheet bears a single specimen in late bud. Iso: B, C, NSW."

nomenclatural synonym: [Banksia conchifera Gaertn.](#) nom. illeg.

nomenclatural synonym: [Isostylis serrata \(L.f.\) Britten](#)

synonym: [Banksia serrata var. hirsuta R.T.Baker](#)

Robson, Peter J. Checklist of Australian Trees. (1993) Database Record.

Common Name: Honeysuckle

Common Name: Old Man Banksia

Common Name: Red Honeysuckle

Common Name: Red Banksia

Common Name: Saw Leaf Banksia

Common Name: Saw toothed Banksia

Common Name: Saw Banksia

George, A.S. in Wilson, A.J.G. (Ed) (1999), *Flora of Australia* 17B: 197, Fig. 26, Map 193

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synonym: [Banksia serratifolia Salisb.](#) nom. illeg.

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synonym: [Banksia undulata Lindl.](#)

synonym: [Banksia mitis Knight](#) nom. illeg.

Common Name: Saw Banksia

CHAH (2005), *Australian Plant Census*

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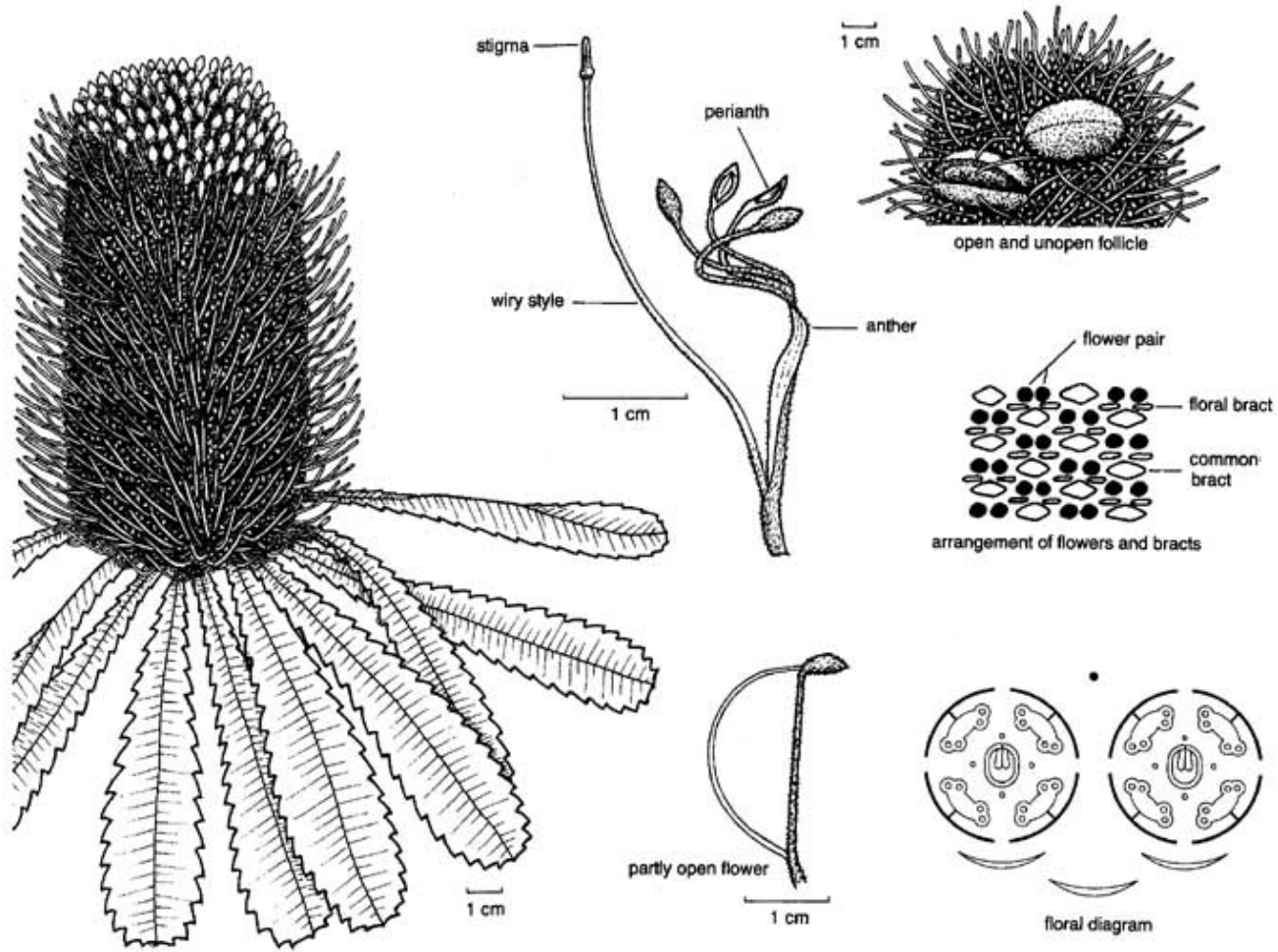
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APC Dist.: Qld, NSW, Vic, Tas

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Banksia serrata - biology

Banksia serrata



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Interactions – New Holland Honeyeater



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Interactions – *Phytophthora cinnamomi*



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Banksia serrata - literature

Aust. J. Bot., 1988, 36, 415-31

The Survival and Population Response to Frequent Fires of Two Woody Resprouters *Banksia serrata* and *Isopogon anemonifolius*

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^BPresent address: N.S.W. National Parks and Wildlife Service, Box N189, Grosvenor St, Sydney, N.S.W. 2000.

Abstract

Plants of *B. serrata* and *I. anemonifolius* resprout after fire, although the species differ (single-stemmed small tree, multistemmed low shrub respectively). If fires occur before established plants are fire-tolerant, populations will decline. The age of first fire tolerance is lower in *B. serrata* (6 years) than in *I. anemonifolius* (about 13 years). Rates of survival during fires were measured in the field along with rates of stem regrowth in fire-tolerant juveniles. These results were used to predict rates of population decline under repeatedly spaced fires to prevent the survival of newly established genets.

In both species, juveniles were more prone to death than adults in fires and high-intensity fires caused the most deaths. In *B. serrata*, adult stems (>2.0 cm d.b.h.) are mostly fire-tolerant, but years apart can prevent many juveniles which survive from reaching adulthood. This is likely in *I. anemonifolius*. As a result stands of *B. serrata* may decline more than *I. anemonifolius* under 5-year fire cycles. *I. anemonifolius* populations, however, may decline when the interval between fires is slightly longer (e.g. 10 years) because light juveniles develop at a slower rate than in *B. serrata*. Extinction or substantial declines in numbers may be approached in stands of either species after 50 years under some repeated fire cycles. The rate of such declines will depend directly on the structure of populations of adults and juveniles.

Declines in populations of these resprouters may be likely under current fire regimes in the Sydney region of New South Wales, although these species are more likely to persist than those of frequent fire (<10 year interval) than some cohabiting species of obligate seeders.

Introduction

Species of woody plants that recover from fire by resprouting are common in fire-prone regions of the world (Kruger 1983; Mooney and Hobbs 1986). Resprouting species that rely solely on seeds for regeneration (obligate seeders), are thought to be able to persist when fires are frequent because the time between fires allows new shoots, flower and set seeds is often short (Keeley and Zedler 1978). Plants normally capable of resprouting die when burnt and mortality may be high if the interval between fires is very short (J. C. Noble 1982, 1984; Zedler *et al.* 1984). Ultimately, the number of plants within populations will decline if not enough new individuals survive to take the place of those that die. If fire intervals are long, new plants have reached survival size and can resprout, replacement will occur. Quick regrowth and sexual reproduction will not help to replace dead adults if plants are slow to develop and thus unlikely to survive any imminent fire. It is possible that populations will decline if repeated fires are frequent, but that the rate of decline and critical interval between fires for resprouting

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Journal of Ecology (1989), 77, 509-523

SEASONAL VARIATION IN FLOWERING INTENSITY AND POLLINATION LIMITATION OF FRUIT SET IN FOUR CO-OCCURRING *BANKSIA* SPECIES

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SUMMARY

(1) Patterns of flowering, levels of fruit set and pollination limitation of fruit set were examined over four years in a group of four co-occurring *Banksia* species (Proteaceae) in southern Australia.

Numbers of inflorescences per plant varied markedly between years, but the timing of fruit set, peak and completion of flowering was relatively consistent among years.

Two of the four species studied flowered in winter, and flowering times for these species varied substantially.

Fruit set in the three winter-flowering species varied both within and between years. This was caused by differences in the proportions of inflorescences successfully pollinated and not by differences in numbers of fruits produced per inflorescence.

Fruit set in *Banksia ericifolia* was examined in detail. The proportion of fruits that set in late-season samples was generally lower than earlier each year. This limitation probably explained this because experimental additions of pollen failed to increase fruit set in late-season inflorescences in any year.

Pollen supplementation did increase fruit set in *B. ericifolia* on one occasion: peak flowering in 1985. This was the time of highest flowering intensity during the four years of study. Fruit set in *B. spinulosa* and *B. paludosa* was also increased by pollen supplementation in this year. These results indicate that pollination was limiting fruit set in these species in this year. They suggest that interspecific competition among plants for pollination services should be examined directly.

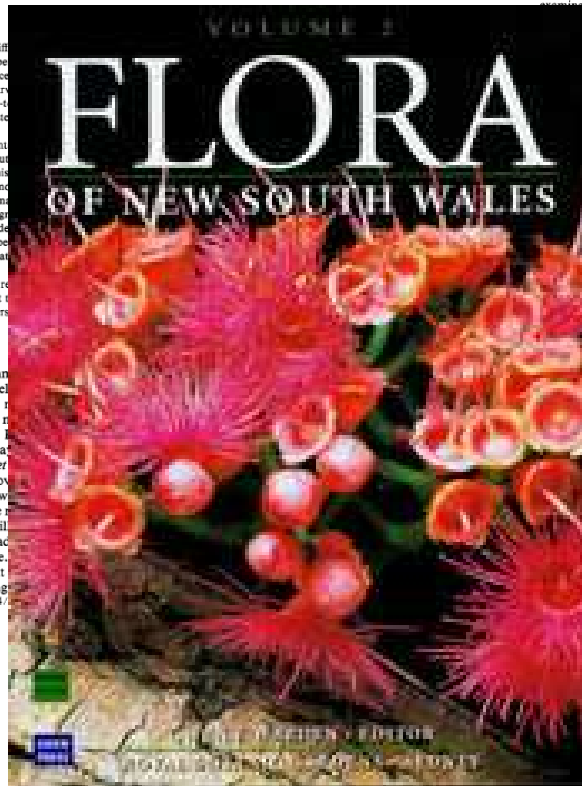
Approximately half of the inflorescences produced by the *B. ericifolia* plants studied in this year appeared during peak flowering in 1985. The greatest impact was on the seed bank, which is stored in the canopy until released by a future fire, and not on the current year's seed set.

Reduction of fruit set by ineffective pollination, although it may occur only rarely, can have a disproportionately large impact on reproductive success over a relatively long time period.

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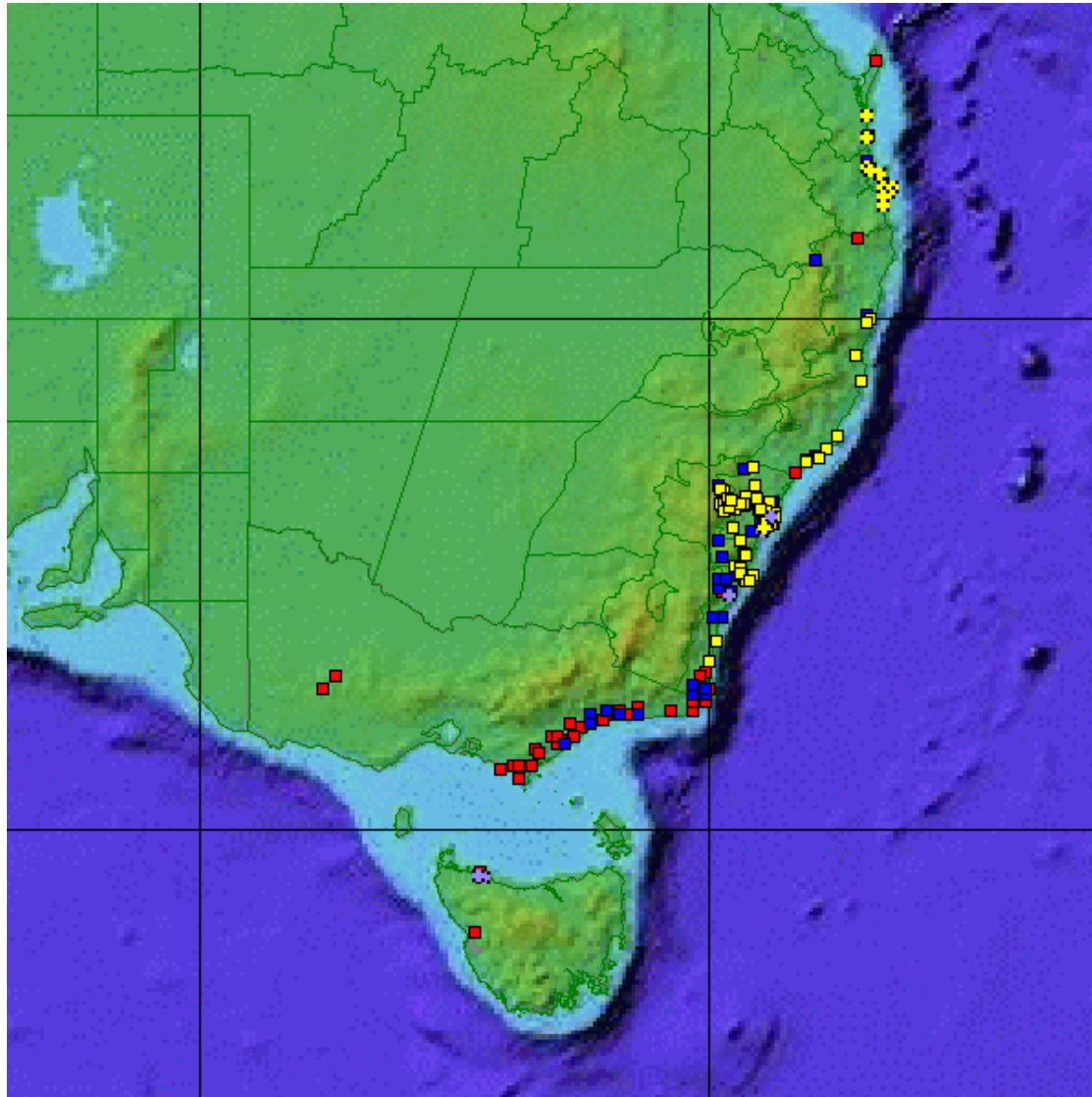
Patterns displayed by plants have significance in many areas of ecology. They have been used in studies of the organization of communities (Stiles 1978), the evolution of life history theory (Pyke, Pulliam & Charnov 1977), and the evolution of strategies (Schaffer & Gadgil 1975). Two areas of particular interest recently have been (i) whether or not sympatric plant species compete for the same resources (Waser 1983; Campbell 1985) and (ii) whether or not resource limitation sets the proximate limit to fruit set in the field (Bierzychudek 1987; Horvitz & Schemske 1988). These questions are clearly important because the potential for competition for pollinators will depend upon the timing of flowering.

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Banksia serrata - distribution

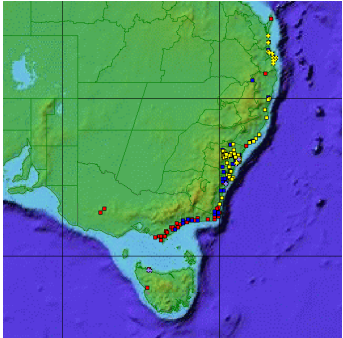
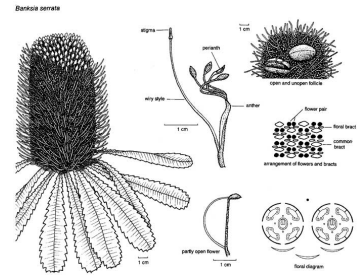
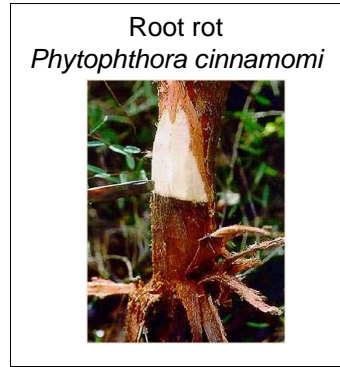


Banksia serrata – molecular data

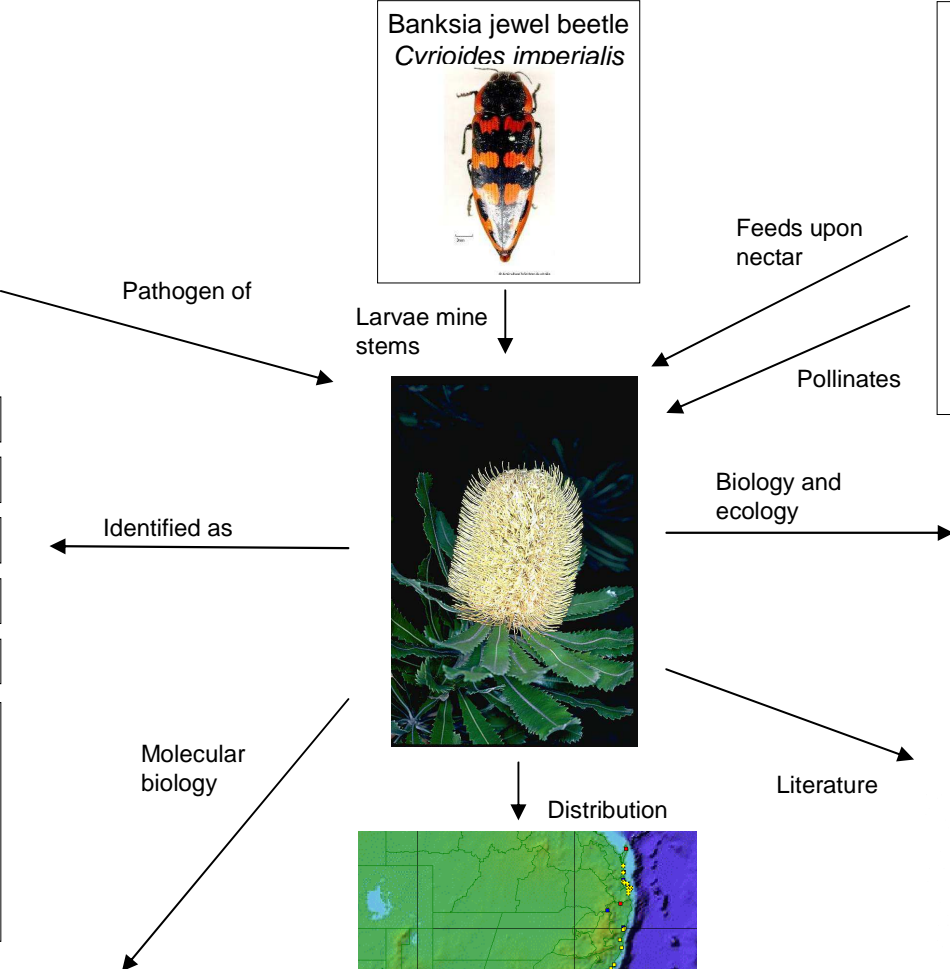


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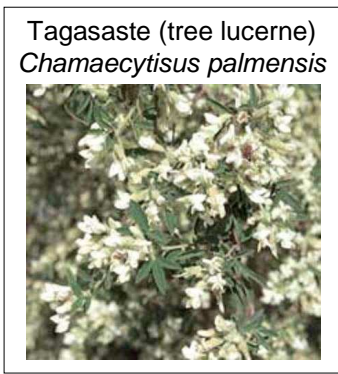
Biodiversity information



- Banksia serrata* L.f.**
- = *Isostylis serrata* (L.f.) Britten
- = *Sirmuelleria serrata* (L.f.) Kuntze
- Old Man Banksia
- Saw Banksia
- Kingdom: Plantae
- Division: Magnoliophyta
- Family: Proteaceae
- Subfamily: Grevilleoideae
- Tribe: Banksieae
- Subtribe: Banksiinae
- Genus: *Banksia* L.f.



Biodiversity information



Parasitises

Preys upon

Feeds upon

Uresiphita ornithopteralis (Guenée, 1854)

= *Mecyna ornithopteralis* Guenée, 1854

English: tree lucerne moth

Identified as

Kingdom: Animalia
Phylum: Arthropoda
Class: Insecta
Order: Lepidoptera
Family: Crambidae
Subfamily: Pyraustinae
Tribe: Pyraustini
Genus: *Uresiphita* Hübner, 1825

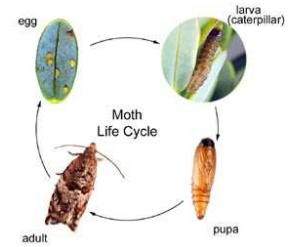
Molecular biology

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Distribution

Biology and ecology

Fact sheets



PestWeb
Crop Insects

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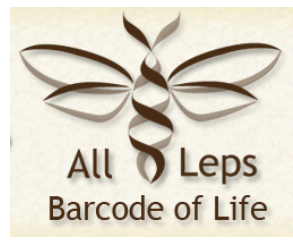
Tree lucerne moth
Uresiphita ornithopteralis

Description
This species has a fringe of sparse hairs, and grows to 30 mm long. The head is pale brown through to a shiny light brown, and thorax is black, later with three white streaks. The body is light green with a yellow and white line just above the legs on each side. Above this there is a pale band made up of black blotches on each segment. Each leg is long, with long hairs arising from it, and also has one or two white spots. Three pairs of dark legs at the base are followed by four pairs of green 'feet'. They are similar in length to the other legs but are thicker, and they are especially visible. The moth has a distinct 'head' at rest with wings folded. It is about 20 mm long, and 30 mm across, with its wings spread. The forewings are dark grey-brown with a white line towards the fore edge. On the hindwings there are light brown bands where the wing scales have been rubbed off. The hind wings are orange-brown with a broad dark brown margin. The underbody is mostly white, with a white face and coiled feeding tube. Moths have been caught in light traps from early spring to late autumn.

Life cycle
Details are uncertain, but it appears that moths are active throughout the year, with most activity in the warmer months. Eggs are laid on the tips of twigs, and the young caterpillars are somewhat gregarious. They pupate after three to five weeks, and emerge as moths four to eight weeks later.

Damage
Caterpillars of the tree lucerne moth can completely defoliate tagasaste (tree lucerne), perennial lucerne, and some native leguminous shrubs such as honey locust, honey and wattle branches are webbed together, with caterpillars congregating in the webbing, and with dark spots of frass (caterpillar droppings) caught up in the webbing. Defoliated shrubs are unlikely to be killed, but plants less than a year old may be at risk. The insect is not currently reported, probably because, until recently, most tagasaste has entered Australia as cuttings of plants in arm loads. Increased farm plantings for fodder or soil conservation will provide more extensive opportunities for tree lucerne moth. Last of year production may be significant, and will depend on how tagasaste is used on farms.

Control
There are no registered insecticides, but chemical control can be effective. Harvesting or grazing sheep when caterpillars are small may be the best control. Control methods to prevent defoliation in young plants will have to be determined in trials.



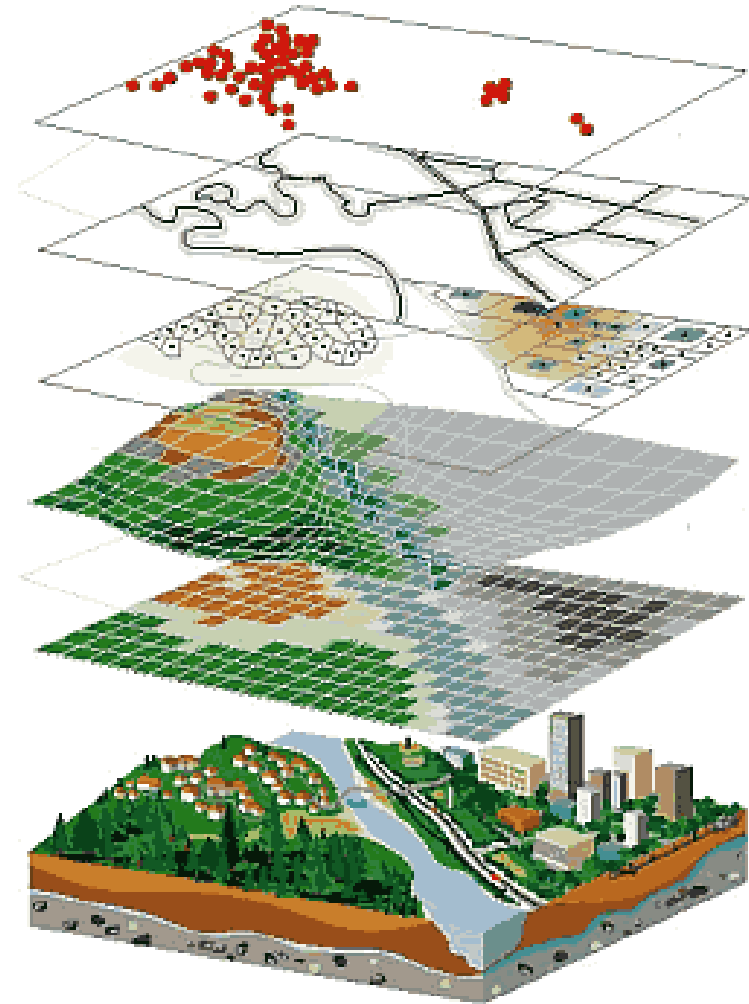
Uses: Biosecurity

- Questions
 - What is this organism?
 - What does it eat?
 - Does it carry disease?
 - Could it spread in Australia?
 - How can it be controlled?
- Information needed
 - Names and classification
 - Identification keys
 - Images
 - Distribution data
 - Food webs
 - Literature (biology and control)



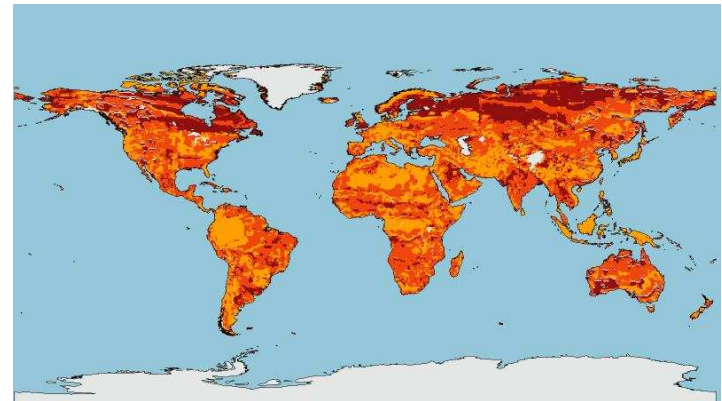
Uses: Land-use planning

- Questions
 - What species are found here?
 - Are they threatened?
 - What are their needs?
 - How can impacts be minimised?
 - How can habitats be restored?
- Information needed
 - Names and classification
 - Distribution data
 - Food webs
 - Literature (biology and control)



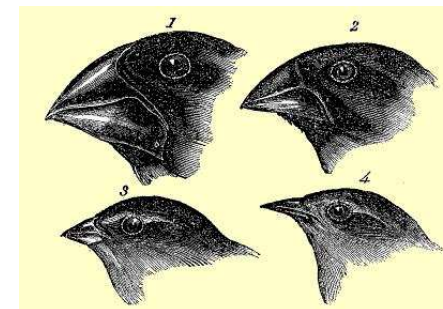
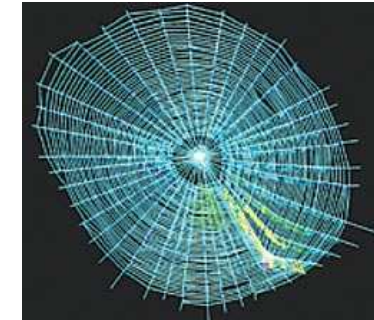
Uses: Conservation and climate change

- Questions
 - Which species will be affected?
 - How will their ranges be affected?
 - Can they colonise more favourable regions?
 - Will pest species benefit?
- Information needed
 - Names and classification
 - Climate change models
 - Distribution data
 - Environmental niche models
 - Food webs
 - Literature (conservation and biology)



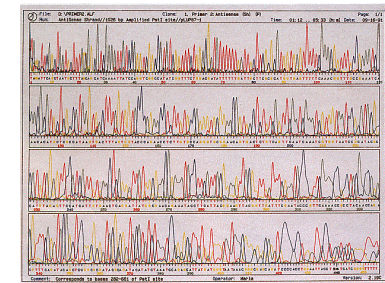
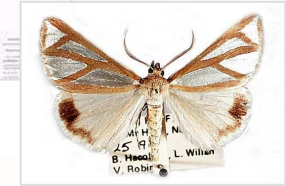
Other uses

- Crop improvement
- Sustainable use
- Health and medicine
- Biomaterials
- Forensics
- Taxonomy
- Leisure

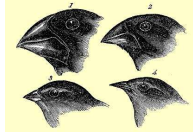
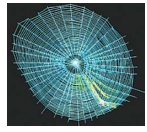
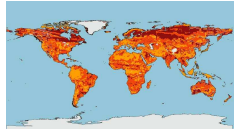
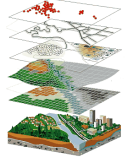


Sources of biodiversity information

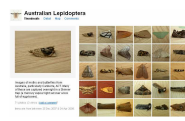
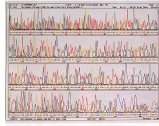
- Natural history collections and herbaria
- Living collections
- Field studies
- Literature
- Molecular research
- Images and multimedia
- Experts



Making information available to users



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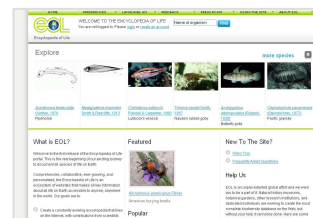
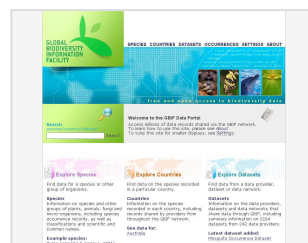
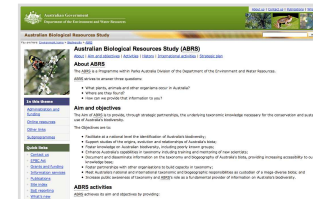
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Atlas of Living Australia

- Government-funded (NCRIS) project to June 2011
- Mission:
 - To develop an authoritative, freely accessible, distributed and federated biodiversity data management system that links Australia's biological knowledge with its scientific reference collections and other custodians of biological information
 - To share biodiversity knowledge to shape our future
- Participants
 - CSIRO
 - The Australian Museum
 - Museum Victoria
 - Queensland Museum
 - The Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery
 - Southern Cross University
 - The University of Adelaide
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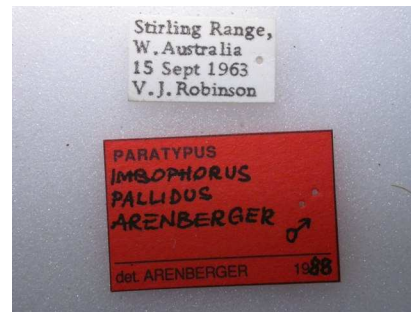
Timing of Atlas

- Builds on other national and global projects
 - Australian Virtual Herbarium
 - Online Zoological Collections of Australian Museums
 - Australian Biological Resources Study
 - Global Biodiversity Information Facility
 - Oceanographic Biogeographic Information System
 - Encyclopedia of Life
 - Many more



Challenges: Digitising information

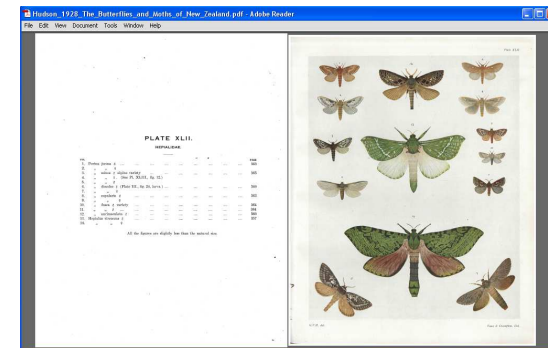
- Important information in non-digital forms:
 - History of printed descriptions and other literature
 - Specimen labels (estimated 1.5 billion globally)
 - Field notebooks
- Many millions of dollars required to make all of this information fully accessible
- Work shared with GBIF and other projects



ScientificName:	<i>Imbophorus pallidus</i>
Family:	Pterophoridae
Locality:	Stirling Range
State:	WA
DateCollected:	1963-09-15
Latitude:	-34.3
Longitude:	118.0
CoordinatePrecision:	10000
CoordinateMethod:	Google Earth
TypeStatus:	Paratypus

Challenges: Digitising literature

- An example:
 - BUGS - Bibliography of New Zealand terrestrial invertebrates 1775-1985
 - BUGZ online
<http://entdocs.landcareresearch.co.nz>
 - Scanned entomological literature
 - Searchable text
 - Downloadable PDFs
- Result:
 - A significant body of literature more accessible and better managed than ever before



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Challenges: Standardising data

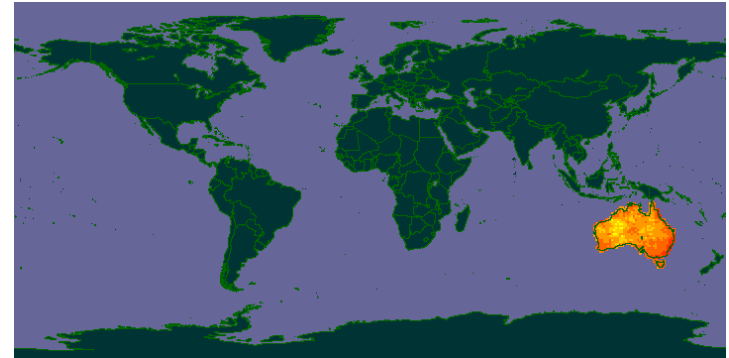
- Need structured data for machine use
- Need agreed standard data elements
 - ScientificName
 - DecimalLatitude, Decimal Longitude
 - CoordinatePrecision
- Need standard formats for data values
 - New South Wales vs. NSW vs. N.S.W.
 - Australia vs. Australien vs. AU
 - 2008-05-15 vs. 05/15/2008 vs. 15 May 2008
 - Specimen vs. S vs. Voucher
- Standards allow data to be combined and reused
- Biodiversity Information Standards (TDWG)

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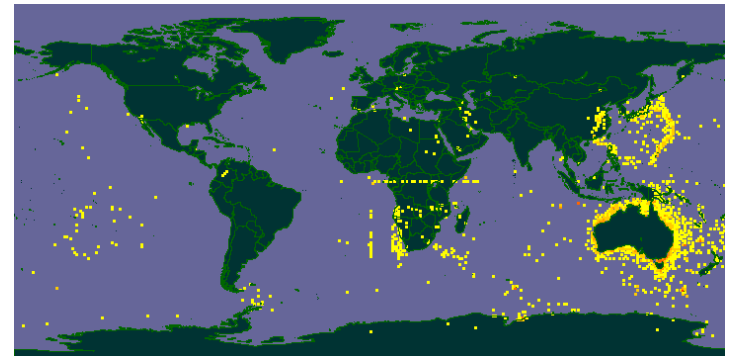
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Challenges: Detecting errors

- Misspellings:
 - *Ornithorynchus* / *Ornithorhynchus*?
 - Mt. Tambourine / Mt. Tamborine?
- Coordinate problems:
 - Positive values for South or West
 - Latitude / Longitude transposed
 - Coordinates not near Locality
 - Unknown precision
- Other issues:
 - Same record shared through different routes
 - Unknown collecting strategy



GBIF data for "Australia" intersecting Australian continent



GBIF data for "Australia" not intersecting Australian continent

Challenges: Handling taxonomy

- 250-year history of seeking to interpret biodiversity
- Many names for the same species
 - *Ornithorhynchus anatinus* vs. *Ornithorhynchus paradoxus*
 - Species described more than once
 - Species moved to new genus
 - Split into multiple species concepts
 - Merge into one species concepts
- Common names
- Alternative opinions on higher classification
- Result:
 - Related information found under different names



Developing the ALA

- User needs analysis
 - Document how users find biodiversity information today
- Collaborative software development
 - Reuse code from GBIF data portal
 - Develop solutions supporting other Australian data networks (AVH, OZCAM, APPD, AMRIN)
 - Share components with Encyclopedia of Life, OBIS, etc.
 - Develop taxonomic tools with ABRS and ANBG
- Work with other Australian infrastructure projects
 - NCRIS Platforms for Collaboration
 - NCRIS Integrated Biological Systems
 - NCRIS Terrestrial Ecological Research Network
 - NCRIS Australian Biosecurity Information Network
- Start with general purpose tools
 - In future develop portals for specific user groups

ALA: Metadata Repository

- Metadata: information about data resources
- Describe all resources, including:
 - Collection databases
 - Ecological/observational databases
 - Images and image libraries
 - Online bibliographies and literature
 - Sequence data
 - International networks
- Metadata includes:
 - Description
 - Ownership and access details
 - Terms from vocabularies, gazetteers, ontologies...

Community	Index Herbariorum
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Preferred Code	CBG
Kind of Collection	Herbarium
Location	Not stipulated
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Fax	[61] 2/ 6250-9599.
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Department	Herbarium
Street	G.P.O. Box 1777
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State	Australian Capital Territory
Notes	
In 1993, the herbarium collections, staff, databases, and research programs of the Australian National Botanic Gardens (CBG) were combined with those of the Australian National Herbarium (CANB) as part of the jointly managed and funded Centre for Plant Biodiversity Research. CANB was adopted as the herbarium abbreviation for the combined collections. Specimens originally from CBG will continue to be cited as CBG. The approximately 250 000 CBG specimens are included in the total for CANB. Information regarding CBG is included with CANB. Correspondence, including loan requests, should be directed to CANB.	

ALA: “Yellow Pages” for species

- Pages for every species (and higher taxon)
 - Links to all information resources
 - Organised by major category
 - Image thumbnails
 - Literature links
 - Links to GIS mapping
- Dynamically generated
- Direct users to original resources
- Web services
 - Enable other sites and tools directly to link content

iSpecies.org

A species search engine

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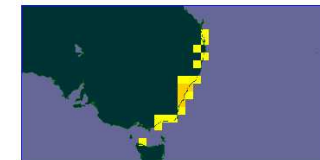
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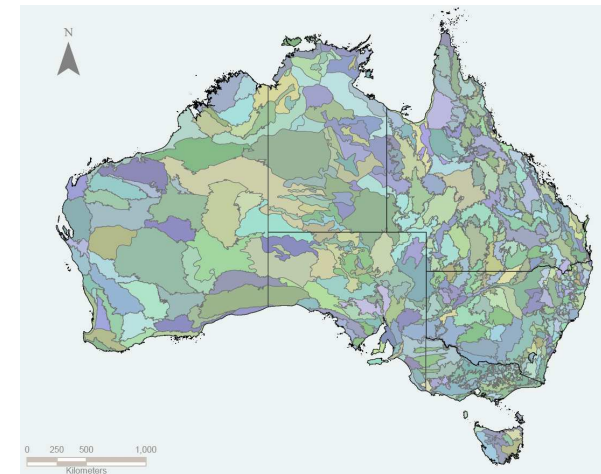
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ALA: Regional biodiversity atlas

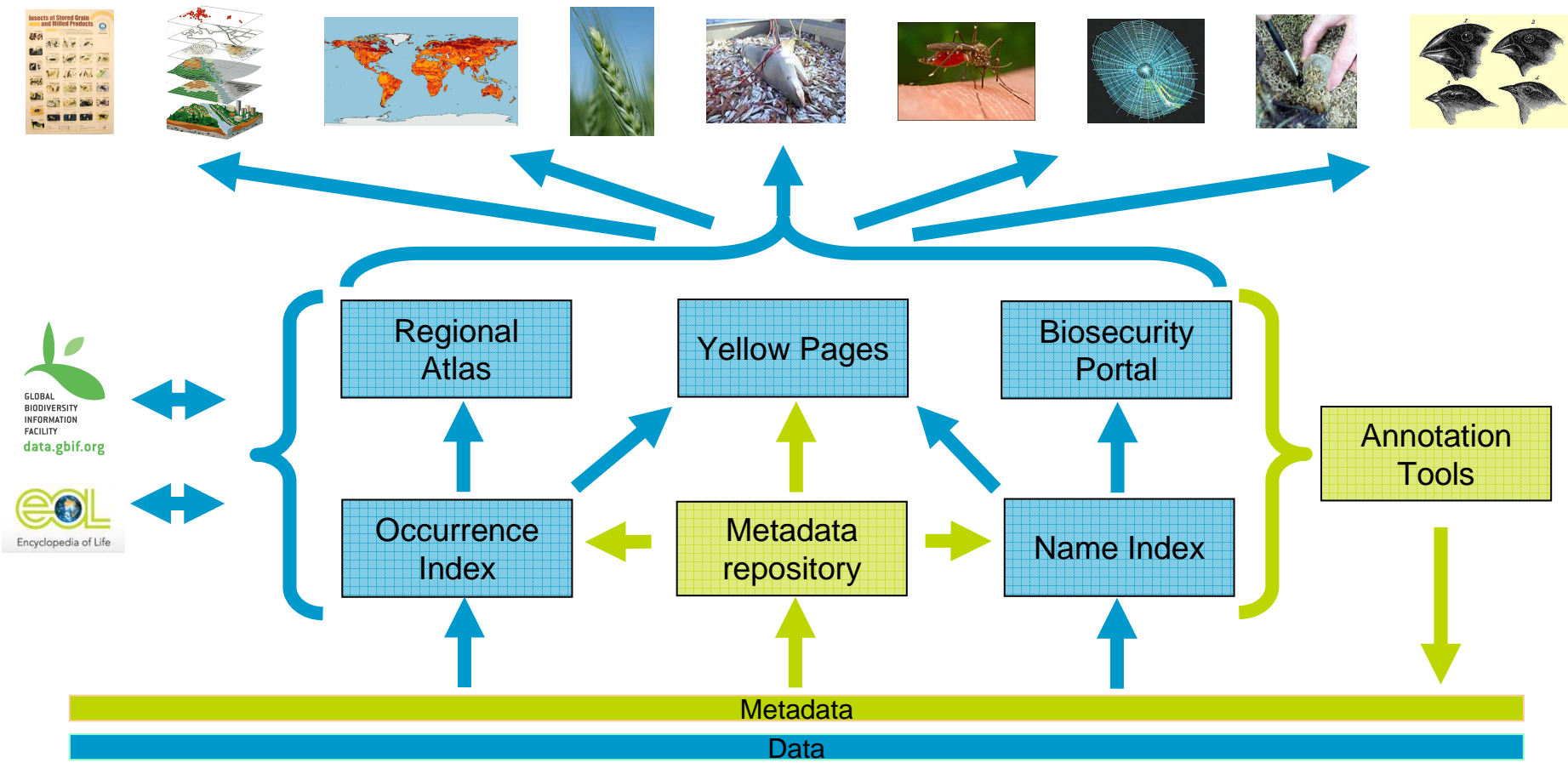
- All georeferenced data for Australian biota
 - Specimen records
 - Observations
 - Ecological data sets
- Integrated GIS layers
 - Climate, geology, soil, vegetation, etc.
- Indexed by regions
 - Local government areas
 - Water catchment areas
 - IBRA regions
 - National parks
- Fact sheets/species lists for each region



ALA: Annotating data

- Need tools to store comments on any record
 - User-suggested errors or corrections
 - Corrections from automated validation tools
 - Comments or structured corrections
 - Links to further information
 - Responses from data providers (conversation threads)
- Services to retrieve comments via record identifier
- Allow any tool or web site to see comments
- Allow data providers to import comments

ALA: Putting it all together



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