What is ASBS Inc.?

With over 300 members, ASBS is an incorporated association of people with professional and amateur interests in Australian systematic botany.

The aim of the Society is to promote the study of plant systematics in Australasia.

Plant systematics -

the science that unravels the relationships and evolutionary history of the flora

Joining ASBS

The current membership fees and application forms can be found on the ASBS website.

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Plant systematics is the dynamic science which investigates the evolutionary history of our flora and attempts to reflect this in a meaningful classification. Through this research we have gained our knowledge of plants and the species of the lesser known lichens, algae and fungi. Australia leads the world in the documentation of its flora on a continental scale.

Our knowledge of the Australian flora is still improving. Over 200 entirely new species of Australian plants, lichens, algae and fungi are brought to light every year through observation in the traditional areas of morphology and botany and through the newer molecular approaches.

The science of systematics (including taxonomy and nomenclature) provides the framework for all comparative biology. It is essential for the identification and conservation of threatened species, the management of native vegetation, and the detection of naturalised species.

It is also important scientifically for developing our understanding of the role of species and communities in natural and modified ecosystems, moving towards ecologically sustainable management, and in the discovery of organisms with potential for human use.