

## 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.



## CONTACTING ASBS

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**Chapter Conveners** are ASBS representatives located in most capital cities and some regional cities. Contact us for details of your local chapter convener, or visit the ASBS website.



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## PLANT SYSTEMATICS IN AUSTRALIA

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.



## BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

The *ASBS Newsletter* is published quarterly, keeps members informed of news and events in Australian plant systematics, and provides a vehicle for debate and discussion. Original articles, short communications and letters are also published.

**ASBS conferences and workshops**, held annually, cover major thematic issues in the theory of plant systematics and its practical application in science and conservation. The Society has a tradition of collaboration with other biological societies. Some financial assistance is available to assist student attendance at ASBS-sponsored conferences.

**Discount prices on ASBS books and other publications** are available to members. The Society supports publications which synthesise knowledge of the Australian flora and present it to a wide audience.

The *Hansjörg Eichler Scientific Research Fund* is a competitive grants scheme awarded to members, with preference given to students, recent graduates and post-graduates, for plant systematics research projects in Australia.

**Seminars, talks and social events** featuring Australian researchers and visiting scientists are organised regularly by local ASBS Chapters.

**Networking opportunities** are available to ASBS members, especially students, with professional scientists at Australia's herbaria and universities.

