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Now what we do with that Data?

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# Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh

- Living collections, herbarium & library
- Nearly 3 million herbarium specimens
- Nearly 1 million specimens databased
- Nearly 0.5 million specimens imaged and online





# Two workflows of digitisation

Gold Standard Ongoing digitisation

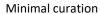
- 1. Types
- 2. Specific taxonomic groups (*Zingaberaceae*)
- Geographical groups
   (Specimens from Nepal for Flora of Nepal)

- 1. Loans
- 2. Other specimens in a loaned genus or family.
- 3. Long term digitisation projects (UK)





# **Gold Standard Digitisation Workflow**





Assign unique identifier (eg attach barcode)



Initial minimal data capture



Image specimen (camera or scanner)



Additional curation



Additional data



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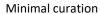
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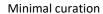
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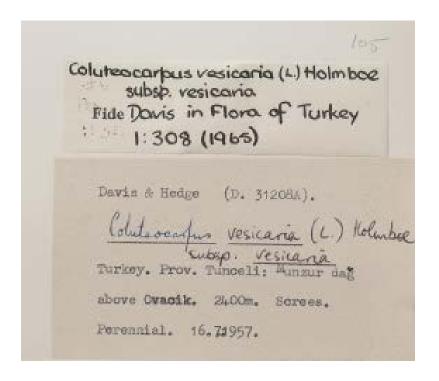
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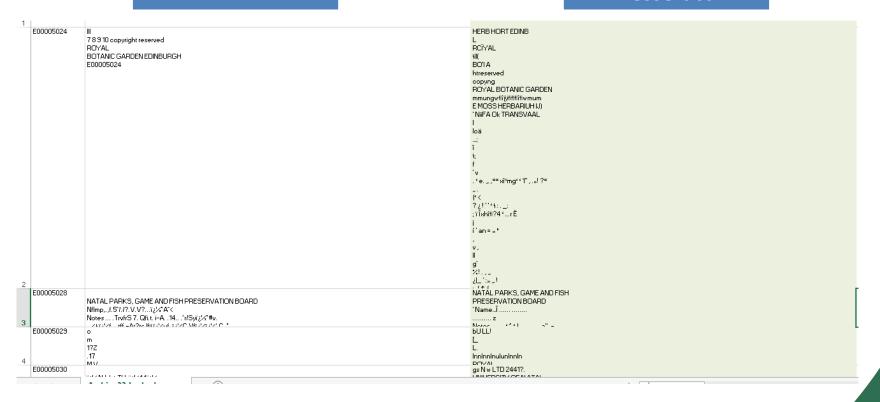
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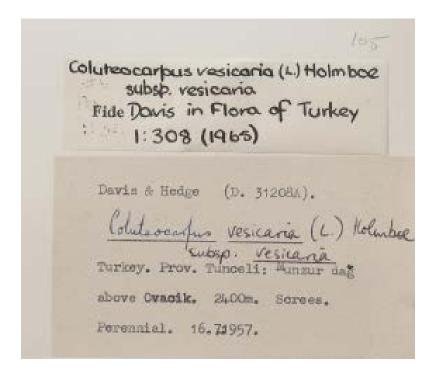
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#### Search the RBGE herbarium catalogue

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Search the RBGE British herbarium catalogue



Enter the details of the specimens you are trying to locate in the appropriate fields and click "Search Catalogue".

- · Entries can be either upper or lower case.
- · '\*' can be used as wildcard character at the beginning, end or within any of any search values.

For example, to search for all genera starting with 'Gent', enter gent\* in the genus field.

Multiple search criteria in the same field should be separated by the word 'or'.

For example, to look up both Gentiana and Rhododendron, enter gentiana or rhododendron in the Genus field.

#### Searching by collector

When running a search for records based on collector or expedition name the underlying database uses a 'free text index' which results in slightly different behaviour to the other fields. A free text index breaks down both the indexed values and any search terms run against it into individual words and then runs a search of the collectors field in the following manner:

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OCR text matching Cachrys, Davis

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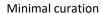
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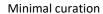
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### **External aggregators**



Collection and management of specimen, distributional, and molecular data as well as analytical tools to support their validation.



A genetic sequence database, an annotated collection of all publicly available DNA sequences



An international network of European biological collections. Using open-source, software and open data standards and protocols.



Online collaborative encyclopaedia to document all of the 1.9 million species of life on earth.



The world's largest database of digitized plant specimens & a locus for international scientific research and collaboration



new I dois for Increasing the Use of Natural History Collections for Research, Education and Informed Decision making



International Biodiversity data on distribution plants, animals, fungi, microbes and scientific names data



Multi-lingual online collection of millions of digitized items from European museums, libraries, archives and multimedia collections.

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The goal of the speciesLink network is to integrate specie and specimen data available in natural history museums,



Information network of UK biodiversity data from nature agencies, wildlife trusts & museums

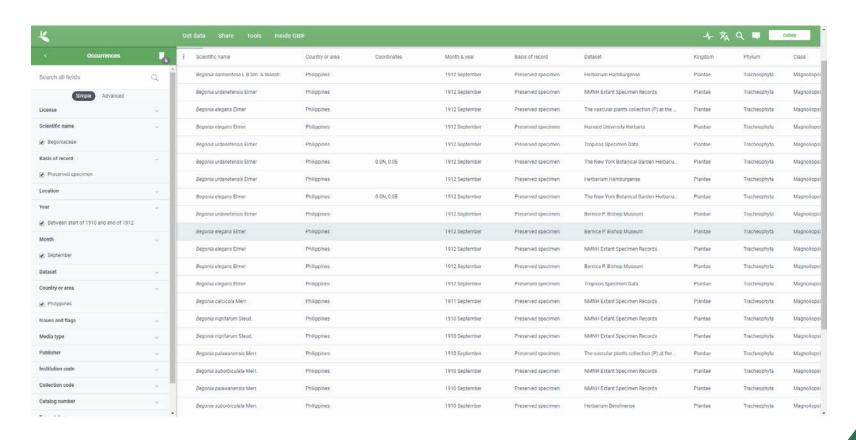


Provides a platform for the collection, aggregation, analysis and use of biological data in Scotland.





# Data aggregators







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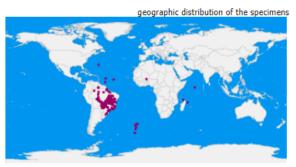
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This tool aims at helping curators in identifying possible errors and to standardize data. Records are not modified. The system just presents "suspect" records, recommending that they be checked by each author or curator. The tool is under constant development, so any suggestion is more then welcome.

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total number of records online	10616					
- without coordinates	10086					
- georeferenced	530					
- access to georeferenced data denied	0					
- in the sea	46					
- blank catalognumber						
repeated re	cords					
catalog number	0					
duplicate records	0					
collector's name and number	740					
last update -	error logs					
of the collection: 23-02-2015	of dataCleaning: 24-02-2015					

	taxonomic data
inventory	scientific name - collector - identifier - types
kingdom	not found
family	not found
genus	23 suspect records
species	14 suspect records
subspecies	not found
author	not found
duplicate	1021 suspect records
other inconsistencies	not found

date collected	
collected before 1900	not found
last update previous to date collected	1 suspect records
identification year previous to date collected	not found



collection profile dataCleaning statistics geographic coordinates analysis

localit	ty data
inventory	country - state - municipality
name of the country/state	196 suspect records
outlier	22 suspect records
long/lat outside the world limit	not found
equal long/lat	not found
long or lat equal to zero	1 suspect records
long/lat in the sea (Brazil)	44 suspect records
municipality name (Brazil)	89 suspect records
coordinate unit analysis (Brazil)	not found
other inconsistencies	1 suspect records

suggestions for	blank fields
long/lat (Brazil)	15 suggestions
country/state name	44 suggestions
municipality name (Brazil)	147 suggestions

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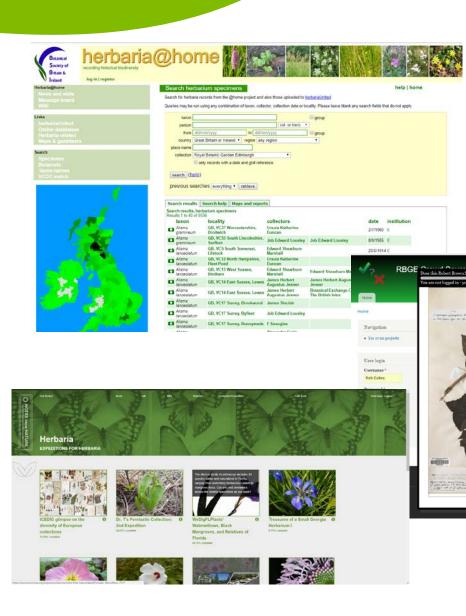


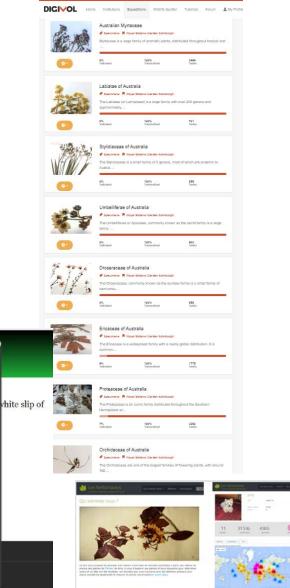


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Family: Proteaceae

Banksia littoralis R.Br.

Filing region: Australia

Country of origin: Australia

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DigiVol Label transcriptions text matching

: Proteaceae

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Collection number: s.n.

Collector: Morrison, Alexander (Dr.) Collection date: 1897-06-05 Country of origin: Australia

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Western Australia

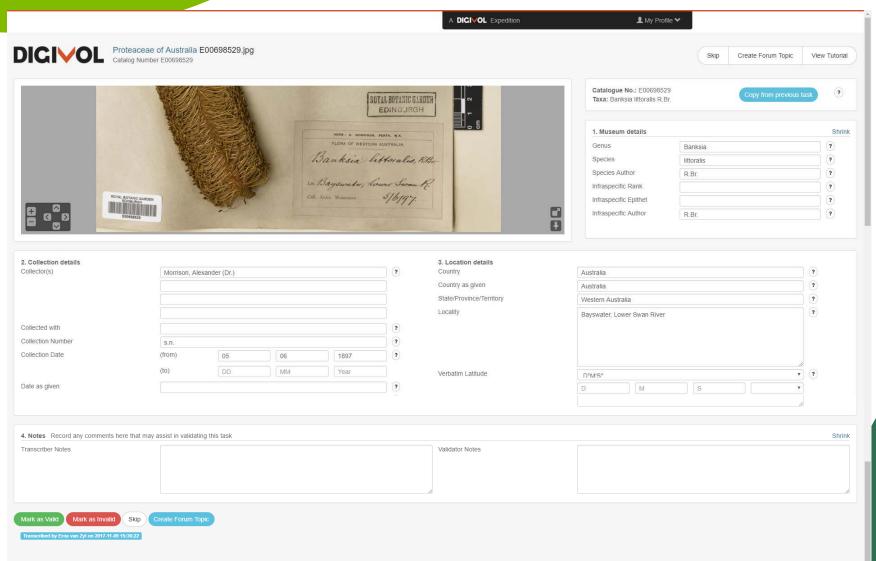
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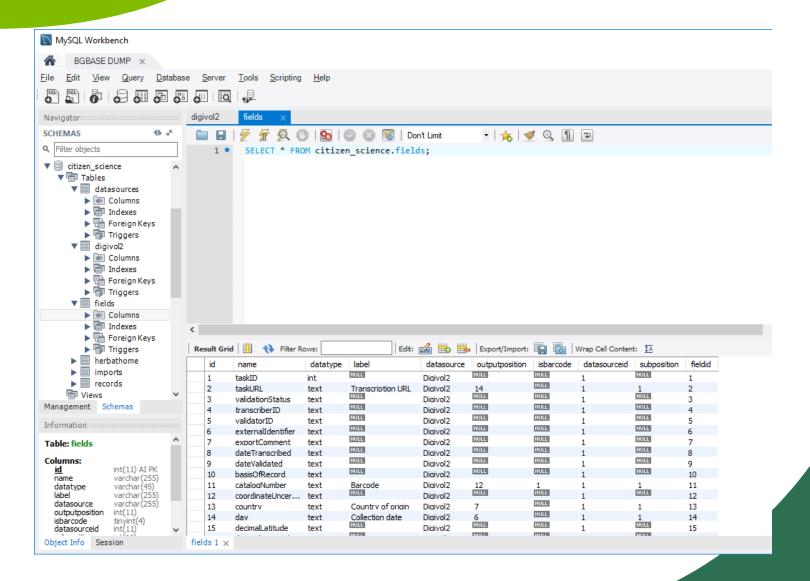
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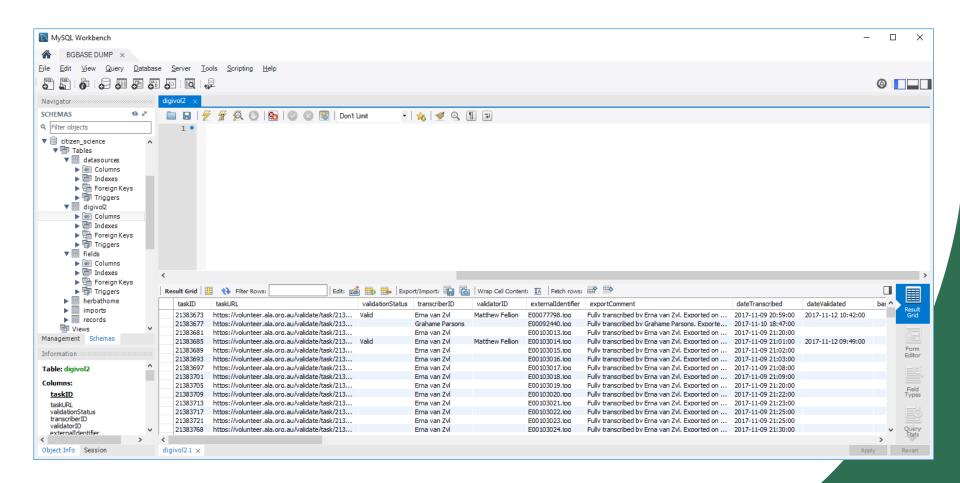










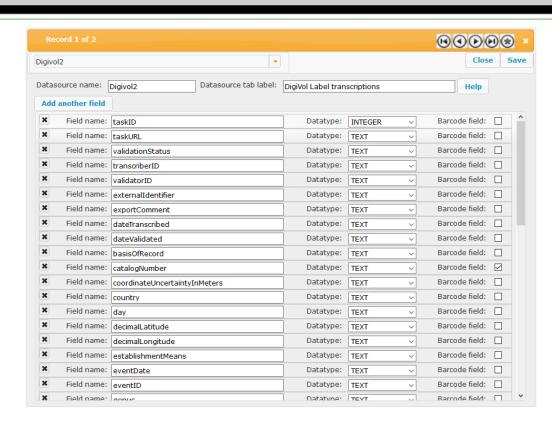








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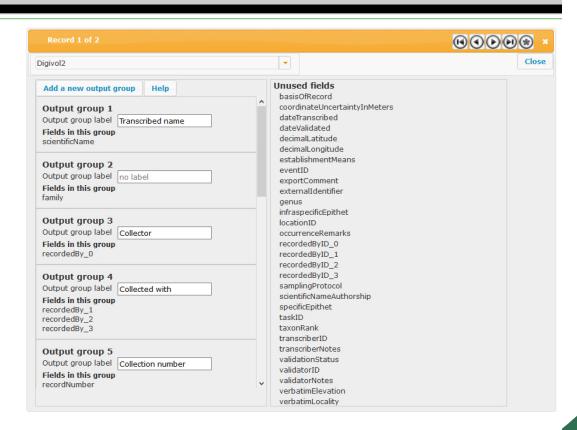








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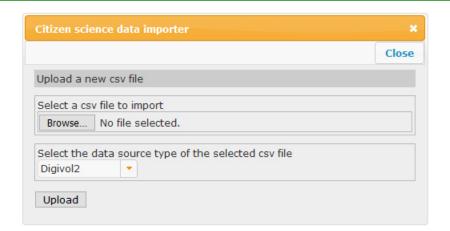


# **RBGE citizen science data upload**

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# **RBGE** citizen science data upload





you for taking part in our Digivol Goodeniaceae of Australia expedition which was completed in 15 days by 13 volunteers!

### Thank you for taking part in our Digivol Goodeniaceae of Australia expedition!

Goodeniaceae Expedition Volunteers,

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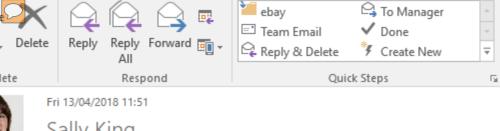
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llection time span of 203 years (1799 – 2002)!

#### Top Five Collectors collected 43% of all specimens in the Australian Goodeniaceae collection

Collector	Top states (date range) collected in
n, Robert	1801 – 1805 New South Wales, Queensland &Western Australia
ison, Alexander (Dr.)	1886 -1900 Victoria, 1898-1902 Western Australia
, J	1905 & 1908 Western Australia, 1908 & 1911 Queensland
, Max	1899 –1901 South Australia, 1904 -1910 Western Australia
el, Ernst Georg	1900 – 1901 Western Australia

### ration Outcomes



Sally King

### Thank you for taking part in our Digivol Goodeniaceae of Australia expedition!

# ration Outcomes

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5437 has three specimens and only two barcodes

# bert Brown specimens

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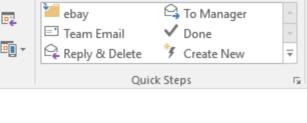
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Respond

### Thank you for taking part in our Digivol Goodeniaceae of Australia expedition!

Fri 13/04/2018 11:51

is known from the region and from historical collections from Midland Junction. - E00804656"

ies name is made up of two words, the genus and the specific epithet, which together form the Linnean binomial.

you for highlighting this specimen, we will investigate the species identification further.

otium humile does not occur in this part of Western Australia, but specimen appears to be Anthotium junciforme (de Vriese) D.A.Morriso

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### not sure what "Bentham" refers to?

s: always italicised and starts with a small letter, never a capital. It is followed by the authority string. This is the person(s) who published the species name and ption. Authors should follow the standard abbreviated forms found in the International Plant Names Index (IPNI) which is based on Brummitt and Powell's Autho

E.g. Swietenia macrophylla King

nt Names (1992).

Meliaceae = family

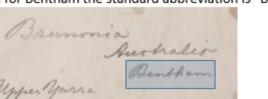
Swietenia = genus

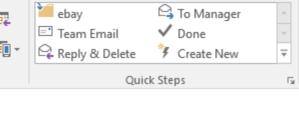
macrophylla = specific epithet

Swietenia macrophylla = species name

King = author

am in the example below is the author string but has not been abbreviated as this was collected 112 years prior to the introduction of the standard abbreviated for Bentham the standard abbreviation is "Benth."





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red location also [Flora of Kakadu National Park, Northern Territory]

NOT transcribed the items marked (TO) and (TC)

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is specimen I have indicated the locality information in blue, the georeferencing (Latitude and longitude) information in yellow and the habitat information in red the information in red should be entered into the habitat field as these will be the other species that coexist with the specimen collected.

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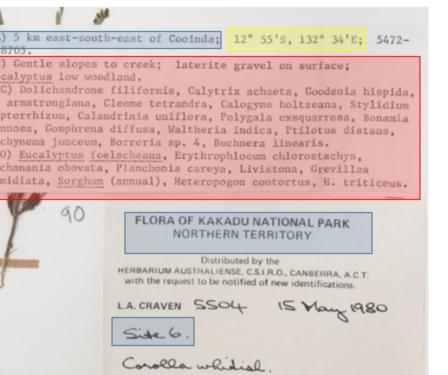
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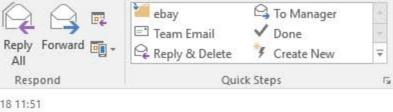
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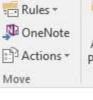
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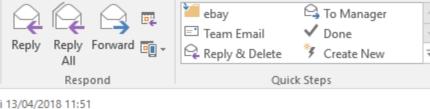
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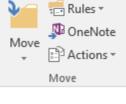
#### ning of B diprofia?"

tually 'β depressa' - Bennett's handwriting is pretty difficult to make out! 'β depressa' forms part of the species name: Scaevola microcarpa β depressa. Greek α, β, & gamma etc. were used in the 1700's and 1800's to denote varieties found within a species.



Robert Brown specimen with 'Beta depressa' as part of the species name











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a correct assumption, this would have been added later on by a curator or botanist and therefore is not the original label name and thus would not be added intuseum detail section of the data entry form.

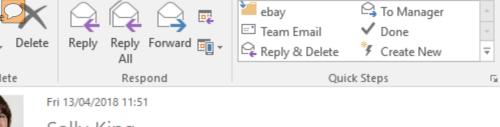


Specimen with additional information "Brunonia" added to the specimen that it not part of the collection label information

re whether to put genus as 'Velleya' (as written), or as 'Velleia', as spelt on the IPNI.

use the correct spelling as given in IPNI (see RBGE Digivol Tutorial) when the spelling of a name differs on the physical specimen to the spelling present in IPNI.

Finally...



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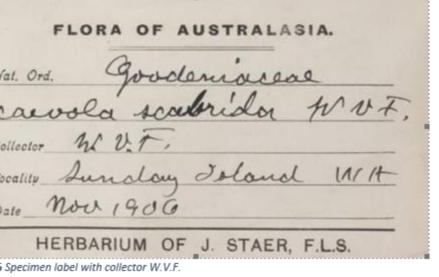
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#### rinaliy...

one to the volunteer that deciphered collector initials 'W.V.F'. as William Vincent Fitzgerald!



is only the beginning....

ioinformatics team is refining a system that will display your data in our online catalogue <u>data.rbge.org.uk/herb</u>

atalogue is open to everyone to access and download our specimen record data and images for free.

thank you so much for your help with this project, we would love you to get involved in our current and future expeditions!





#### Robyn Drinkwater

#### Digitisation Officer/Technical Developer



My favourite things in the Herbarium are the barcodes, in particular the long empty strip you get when doing minimal data entry. It's satisfying to see (and rip off) at the end of a day's databasing. Each long empty strip shows that several hundred more specimens are ready to be imaged and made available online. Currently around 750,000 (25%) of specimens have been databased.

#### Sally King

#### Digitisation Officer/Herbarium Volunteer Coordinator



Choosing a favourite thing from the Herbarium was impossible because it's such a treasure trove! I chose a sentimental object, my wee Mexican tortoise, a gift from a digitisation team member at Kew Herbarium, where I used to work. He puts a smile on my face and reminds me of where I've come from. Without my time at Kew I wouldn't be working here. I'm so happy to be working at the best Botanic Garden in the UK; -) The world map in the photo is marked out into the geographical regions the herbarium specimens are filed under:

Mexico is in Area 14.

#### Elspeth Haston

#### Deputy Herbarium Curator



My favourite thing in the Herbarium is Grumpy, a herbarium trolley that saw a lot of service in 2006 when we reorganised the three million specimens in the collection. It took us nine weeks, thanks to a team of people and a set of seven trolleys. When moving specimens from one cabinet to another between two floors, the characters of the trolleys became evident and so we named them. Happy was the favourite - running smoothly and turning nicely. Grumpy needed more effort to manoeuvre, but I grew very fond of it! The RGBE Herbarium

was the first large herbarium to be organised according to the Angiosperm Phylogeny Group classification, a system now adopted by many other large herbaria. Grumpy is still in the herbarium, helping us to recurate some of the larger families.