



Now we are 50: A comparison of the botanical activities of Australia from 1973 and now.

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In 1973, over 85,000 specimens were made in Australia covering all aspects of the Australian flora from algae to angiosperms; of these, over 300 specimens became types. Using data from AVH, an examination of the collecting activities of botanists is examined: where did people go; what were they collecting; were they doing general collecting, surveys, or targeting specific research groups. This is compared with a compilation of recent activities to observe if and what changes there are in the collecting activities and behaviours of botanists.

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