

KeyBase – an interactive dichotomous key to all Australia's plants

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Keys to plants are an essential part of Australia's botanical infrastructure. Dichotomous keys in particular, however, have been a rather poor cousin in the modern informatics landscape. Partly, this is because they have been regarded as a bit old-fashioned. However, with appropriate technology and a flexible web delivery system, dichotomous keys will be an important component of the emerging eTaxonomy platform we're building in Australia. This talk will discuss KeyBase*, a new and marvellous web-based platform for handling and delivering dichotomous keys for plants, and launch a new initiative to compile and build a dichotomous key to the entire Australian flora.

*Keybase may not be the final name of the system, as it is already taken as a brand name by a number of US financial and IT firms, and a job training provider in South Africa! Final name to be announced.



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