

First census in over 100 years

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The first census of all Australian plants since 1889 has been published by the Bureau of Flora and Fauna in Canberra (*Census of Australian Vascular Plants*, 650 pages).

Some 17,590 species (and 3094 sub species and varieties) are listed - in all 20,684 entries.

CALM had a major involvement in the project

listing some 40,000 entries in the census.

Senior research scientist Greg Keighery provided the distribution data for 25 areas and 8316 taxa from WA (up from 3560 in the 1889 list).

Staff of the WA Herbarium who specialise in certain groups of plants were instrumental in checking those particular entries.