

Oxford Plant Systematics

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25 YEARS OF OXFORD PLANT SYSTEMATICS NEWSLETTERS

Over the last 25 years, much of the research activity associated with the Herbaria and the systematics research group in the biology department at Oxford has been documented in our annual Oxford Plant Systematics newsletters - OPS.

What started as a modest newsletter has turned into a series of diverse and fascinating articles by staff and students on plant taxonomy, biodiversity, ethnobotany, student field trips, illustrations and art works, former and current staff, herbarium history, and more - many of these unpublished elsewhere.

The first issue was produced in 1993. Printed partly in colour from 2004 onwards, OPS is mailed or emailed to herbaria and libraries internationally, mostly to those where we have collaborative research links. All issues [are available online](https://herbaria.plants.ox.ac.uk/bol/oxford/ops). Printing and postage costs are generously supported by the department. Several hundred copies are printed and distributed each year.

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A selection of articles from across the issues: *Leucaena Systematics: from Mixtecs to Modern Man*, Colin Hughes (1993); *The rare pines of Mexico*, Aljos Farjon (1994); *The Oxford Botanical Museum and its fate*, David Mabberley (1995); *Origin of the cultivated apple*, Julian Robinson (1997); *Refurbishment of the Oxford University Herbaria*, Stephen Harris (2002); *The Oxford-Bolivia Darwin Project*, John Wood (2005); *Evolutionary studies in Bromeliaceae* (Andrew Smith, 2006); *400 years old - A book herbarium from Italy*, Serena Marner (2006); *Every Picture Tells a Story*, Rosemary Wise (2007); *Ecological setting and the evolution of Neotropical plants: origins and diversification of the Cerrado flora*, Marcelo Simon (2008); *Andes to Amazon in search of Bromeliads* Stephen Heathcote (2011); *Imaging specimens with BRAHMS - two very different approaches*, Denis Filer and Jan Wieringa (2014); *Tropical rainforest dispersal biology in Far Northern Queensland* Caroline Pannell (2017); *What did the garden grow?*, Stephen Harris (2018); *Towards a taxonomy of taxonomists*, John Wood (2019).

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