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FLORA CENSUS PUTS NATURE ON THE MAP

The Canberra Nature Map, a unique ACT database that provides locations and photographs of over 11,300 records of plants and mushrooms across Canberra was today showcased by Environment Minister Simon Corbell.

“Developed by the ACT Government in cooperation with volunteers, this unique database enables locals to find out what plants and animals are near them and to add to our knowledge of how wildlife is distributed across the ACT,” Mr Corbell said.

“People can click on the icon of a reserve or area of interest and obtain lists of all plants or all uncommon plants recorded within that reserve. Photographs, links to a description and recorded locations - via an interactive map, are provided for each plant species,” Mr Corbell said.

The online database allows people to not only search the plants that occur in areas of interest, but to upload images of new plant locations from their smart phones or GPS enabled cameras is easy.

Coupled with this database is the development of the Canberra Nature Map smartphone app which allows access to the data while out in the field, even in the absence of any mobile reception.

Understanding more about our rare and uncommon plants is the first step in their protection and implementation of management that enhances the population.

“Citizen science has also proved valuable in locating new rare plant populations and in spotting weed species not previously or only rarely recorded in the ACT, enabling their eradication before they become widespread.

“In showcasing the Canberra Nature Map to the wider ACT public, many more people with an interest in our plants and animals will actively participate in the data collection and expansion of shared knowledge,” Mr Corbell said.

For more information, visit CanberraNatureMap.org

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