



McGregor Museum Kimberley

Botany Department: Type of Specimen

A type specimen is a specimen of a plant or animal species to which its particular name is attached.

When a new species is "discovered", more important than creating a new and unique name for the species is developing a reasonably detailed description. Although in reality biologists may examine many specimens of the new species in coming up with a written species description, under the formal rules for naming species, a type specimen must be designated. The type description then describes the type specimen.

The KMG Herbarium has the following type specimens in its collection:

- *Amaryllis paradisiicola* (Isotype)
- *Atriplex erosa* (Isotype)
- *Babiana falcata* (Isotype)
- *Berkheya ferox* var. *tomentosa* (Isotype)
- *Brachystelma dimorphum* subsp. *dimorphum* (Isotype)
- *Delosperma zoeae* (Holotype)
- *Dimorphotheca cuneata* (Holotype)
- *Eberlanzia puniens* (Holotype)
- *Galenia africana* var. *secundata* (Isotype)
- *Indigofera holubii* (Isotype)
- *Lotononis linearifolia* (Isotype)
- *Nerine hesseoides* (Holotype)
- *Petalidium wilmaniae* (Isotype)
- *Rennera stellata* (Isotype)
- *Ruschia vanderbergii* (Holotype)
- (*Ruschia vulnerans*) *Ruschia divaricata* (Isotype)
- *Stapelia wilmaniae* *Stapelia leendertziae* (Isotype)

