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Feathers, fur and skin..... so how so plants fit in? Free Guided Twilight Walks of the Gardens!

The Australian National Botanic Gardens is not only Australia's finest display of native plants, but home to a diverse range of birds, reptiles, insects and mammals.

During summer you can get a special 'behind the scenes' look at the relationship between our native flora and fauna. The Gardens' volunteer guides will be conducting *Feathers, fur and skin...so how do plants fit in?* twilight walks each Wednesday evening between 6:00 pm and 7:00 pm during January and February.

The guided twilight walks are free and take visitors on a tour of the Gardens, exploring the fascinating relationships that exist between plants and animals.

'The special twilight walks offer visitors an opportunity to experience the Gardens in the cool of the evening' said Mrs Sue Dowling, one of 68 Volunteer Guides at the Gardens. 'Visitors have a chance of seeing fascinating wildlife during the twilight hours – and our guides know just where to look!'

The walks are an entertaining and interesting way to learn about our natural environment and have been an extremely popular summer activity in past years. Bookings are therefore strongly recommended and can be made by contacting the Visitor Centre on 6250 9540.

There are plenty of great things to see and do at the Gardens this Summer especially now that opening hours are extended until 8:00 pm. Enjoy the many activities on offer, including the Summer Concert Series on Saturday and Sunday evenings from 6:00 pm during January – February, the *Snakes Alive* exhibition and workshops from 13-19 February, self-guided walks and free guided walks at 10:00 am, 11:00 am and 2:00 pm daily. For further information on all summer activities please contact the Visitor Centre on 6250 9540 or visit the Gardens' website at www.anbg.gov.au/anbg

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