

## **IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT THE LINNEAN SOCIETY RESPONSE TO COVID-19**

To everyone in the extended Fellowship of the Linnean Society of London, we want to assure you we are monitoring the Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic in coordination with the rest of the Burlington House community and in line with UK Government advice and guidelines. Our top priority is to protect the health and safety of all those with whom we interact, while continuing to share our world-class collections and events. Your patience, assistance, and cooperation are very much appreciated as we face this challenging time together.

Current medical and epidemiological advice recommends practicing “social distancing”—keeping at least six feet from other individuals when indoors. For more information on the UK Government’s COVID-19 planning, visit <https://www.gov.uk/government/topical-events/coronavirus-covid-19-uk-government-response>

All the Society’s public programs for March and April have been cancelled, and visitor access to the Library and Collections will be suspended until further notice. See our events calendar at <https://www.linnean.org/meetings-and-events/events> to check on the status of lectures, workshops and other events for May and beyond. We look forward to resuming our events programme at the appropriate time.

As part of our COVID-19 response, most of our staff will be working remotely as of Monday 23rd March, including the offices of membership and the Collections. Please note there may be delays or disruptions in replies to enquiries until normal operations return, especially if your enquiry requires Collections staff to have direct access to the library and archives. Thank you for your commitment to the Linnean Society of London and its mission.

**Staff, Officers and Council of the Linnean Society of London**  
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