# Dr Daniel Falster – Curriculum Vitae

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Summary of<br/>research<br/>outputsArticles: 55 articles in leading international journals such as Nature, PNAS, Nature Plants, Trends in<br/>Ecology & Evolution, Biological Reviews, New Phytologist, Methods in Ecology & Evolution, Journal of<br/>Ecology, American Naturalist.

Citations: > 10200 total citations, > 1000 citations  $yr^{-1}$ , 13 papers cited > 100 times each, H-index of 31 [Google Scholar].

**Datasets**: I have produced and made publicly available two global compilations: the Biomass and Allometry Database, and the Coral Traits Database, as well as other datasets.

**Software**: I have produced and made publicly available important software packages, including the statistical package SMATR (used in over 1250 publications) and the growth model, plant.

**Reproducible science**: I am making my publications entirely reproducible, enabling others to reproduce, adapt, apply and extend my results.

**Research highlights Global shift towards trait-based ecology**: My research has enabled global quantification and comparison of plant strategies by i) proposing four leading traits to capture global plant diversity, now quantified for many of the world's species (Westoby *et al* 2002, 2316 cites); ii) Developing methods enabled comparison of light capture among species (Falster *et al* 2003, 416 cites); iii) Quantifying a global trade-off in how conductive tissue in stems is arranged (Zanne *et al* 2010, 295 cites).

**Trait-based community assembly**: My work shows how tradeoffs in plant function mediate species coexistence and how we can predict trait mixtures from first principles (Falster *et al* 2017, 40 cites).

**Global rules of plant competition**: Using growth data from > 3 million trees in plots across the world, Kunstler *et al* 2016 (369 cites) shows how functional traits influence competitive interactions.

The Biomass and Allometry Database: Synthesises data collected in 176 different studies to create the world's largest, public database on individual plant allometry (Falster *et al* 2015, 76 cites).

How traits influence plant growth: My work explains why the effect of traits on growth changes with size, via models (Falster *et al* 2011, 2016, 2018, 132 cites) & meta-analysis (Gibert *et al* 2016, 52 cites).

Why do large parents have large offspring?: I showed how size-asymmetric competition among rival offspring explains this phenomena, unifying theory across taxa (Falster *et al* 2008, 76 cites).

Education	PhD (Ecology)	Macquarie University (2010), "Towards a general theory of plant trait diversity" (Supervisor: M Westoby)	
	MSc (Hons. I)	Macquarie University (2003), "Plant height strategies" (Supervisor: M Westoby)	
	BSc (Ecology)	University of New South Wales (2000)	
Positions	2017-2022	ARC Future Fellow (Level C, 0.8 FTE) – University of New South Wales Sydney	
	2011-2014	Post-doctoral visiting scientist (hosted by Dr Joe Wright, 4 yr 0.1 FTE) – Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute (Panama)	
	2016	Research Fellow (Level C, 1 yr) – Macquarie University	
	2011-2015	ARC Australian Post-doctoral Fellow (Level B, 3.5 yr) – Macquarie University	
	2010-2011	ARC Laureate Post-doctoral Fellow (Level A, 1 yr) – Macquarie University	
	2006-2009	IT & web support for ARC-NZ Research Network for Vegetation Function (2.5 yr, 0.1 FTE) – Macquarie University	
	2006-2009	Summer Scholar (0.5 FTE) – International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis	

	2004-20	005 Research Assistant with Prof. Jarle Breivik (1.3yr 0.5 FTE) – Medical Faculty, University of Oslo (Norway)
	2004-20	005 Research Assistant with Prof. Nils Chr. Stenseth (1yr 0.5 FTE) – Centre for Ecological and Evolutionary Synthesis, University of Oslo (Norway)
	2000-2	002 Research Assistant with Prof. M Westoby (2 yr) – Macquarie University
	2005	Research Assistant, ARC-NZ Research Network for Vegetation Function (6 mo) – Macquarie University
	2004	Visiting Researcher with Prof. Göran Ågren (3 months) – Swedish Agricultural University, Sweden
	2000	Summer student with Dr Brad Murray (3 months) – CSIRO Plant Industry
Honours & awards	2019	<b>Fenner Medal</b> – Australian Academy of Sciences <b>Research Impact Award</b> – UNSW Evolution & Ecology Research Centre
(2006-)	2015	Next Generation Ecologist – Ecological Society of Australia
	2014	<b>Creativity and contributions to teaching award</b> – Department of Biological Sciences, Macquarie University
	2012	<b>Award for Programs that enhance learning</b> – Office of Learning and Teaching, Macquarie University
	2011	Early Career Researcher (Highly commended) – Macquarie University
	2009	<b>Outstanding student presentation</b> – Australasian Evolution Society conference (ANU)
	2008	Fresh Science Media Course (1 of 16 invited) – Science in Public
		<b>Outstanding presentation in evolutionary ecology at annual conference</b> – University of New South Wales Evolution & Ecology Research Centre
	2006	Aurelio Peccei Award for "outstanding achievement" during Summer Program – International Institute of Applied Systems Analysis, Austria
	2004	Vice-Chancellor"s Commendation for MSc Thesis – Macquarie University
	2000	Students in Free Enterprise UNSW team (National runners up) – Enactus Australia
Grants	<b>Total</b> :	funding as lead = AUD 1.98m, Total (domestic) funding = AUD 7.38m.
	2019	$\begin{array}{l} \textbf{Falster D, Vesk PA "Escalating the arms race: understanding when and how trees get really tall" \underline{ARC Discovery Project} ~ \textbf{AUD 483,977} \end{array}$
		Falster D "High Quality Research Papers Scheme" <u>UNSW</u> AUD 1,000
		Falster D"AusTraits: a curated plant trait database for the Australian flora"Australian Research Data Commons Discovery Activity programAUD 49,999
		Vesk P, Falster D, De Kauwe M, Gallagher R, Guillera-Arroita G "Eucalypt futures: us- ing functional traits to predict species distributions and responses to environmental change" Eucalypt Australia Multiyear Project AUD 450,000
		Falster D, Nakagawa S, Cornwell W, Navarro D, Richmond J, Warton D, Lyons M, Abramowitz G, Ukkola A, Kauwe M, Betbeder-Matibet L, Micheaux P, Laffan S "Building quality software packages in R" <u>UNSW Research Infrastructure Grant</u> AUD 235,453 Falster D, De Kauwe M "Boden Conference" Australian Academy of Sciences AUD 10 000
	2018	Kingsford R, Finlayson C, Alexander L, Murray N, <b>Falster D</b> & 12 others "A global standard for the status of wetlands of international importance" ARC Linkage <b>AUD 779,000</b>
	2017	Gallagher R, <b>Falster D</b> "Collaborative trait research and data: a round table discussion" National Climate Change Adaptation Research Facility <b>AUD 10,000</b>
		Abramowitz G, De Kauwe M, England M, Evans J, <b>Falster D</b> , Johnson F, Marshall L, Pitman A, Sharma A "Model evaluation web application" <u>UNSW Research Infrastructure Grant</u> <b>AUD 74,776</b>
	2016	<b>Falster D</b> "Niche 2.0 - Australian and global plant diversity from first principles" <u>ARC Future Fellow</u> <b>AUD 802,332</b>
	2013	Wright I, Medlyn B, Prentice C, Westoby M, Zeppel M, Leishman M, Atwell B, <b>Falster D</b> "Ecophysiological instrumentation to measure leaf, stem and whole-plant CO2 and water use" Macquarie University Research Infrastructure <b>AUD 82,000</b>

Durrant-Whyte H, Westoby M, **Falster D**, Müller R, Landgrebe T, Kane D, Smith P, Caetano T "Big data knowledge discovery: machine learning meets natural science" Science Industry Endowment Fund **AUD 4e+06** 

- 2012 Brännström Å, **Falster D**, Franklin O, Holmgren J, Lindroos O, Nilsson U "Precision forestry for the future: enhanced forest management by optimized tree selection in thinning operations" <u>Swedish formas SEK 4,258,000</u>
- 2010 **Falster D** "Putting adaptation into vegetation models: towards a predictive theory of trait diversity and stand structure" ARC Discovery Project (Postdoctoral Fellowship) **AUD 310,000**
- 2009 **Falster D** "International travel grant (Vice-Chancellor's commendation)" Macquarie University Postgraduate Research Fund **AUD 4,500**
- 2006 Falster D "Aurelio Peccei Travel Award" International Institute of Applied Systems Analysis (Austria) EUR 7,000
  - Falster D Australian Postgraduate Award AUD 70,000
- 2002 Falster D "Research support grant" <u>Macquarie University Postgraduate Research Fund</u> AUD 8,800
- 1999 Falster D "Summer student research scholarship" <u>Centre for Plant Biodiversity (CSIRO)</u> AUD 5,000

#### Teaching Undergraduate

<u>Bees 4517 BEES Honours</u>, University of New South Wales Sydney: 1 of 2 examiners for all students in cohort "*Thesis Examiner*", 2020

Bios 3601 Advanced Field Biology, University of New South Wales Sydney: Wrote & delivered new field module (40hrs) "Estimating forest biomass and carbon content", 2018-2020

Bees 3041 Big Data in BEES, University of New South Wales Sydney: Wrote & delivered new module for new course (40hrs) "Big data in forest ecology", 2019-2020

<u>Honours Professional Skills</u>, University of New South Wales Sydney: Co-wrote & delivered (w Lee Rollins) new lecture *"How to build an academic CV"*, 2019 T1-T3; 2020 T1-T2

Bios 2051 Flowering Plants, University of New South Wales Sydney: Wrote & delivered new lecture & tutorial (2hrs) "Life history strategies", 2019

Advanced Science Program, James Cook University: Wrote & delivered new lecture (1 hr) "New knowledge (often) demands new methods", 2019

Biol 347: Plants and Ecosystems, Macquarie University: Wrote & delivered new lecture (1hr) *"Trait-based community assembly"*, 2015

<u>Unit 301069 Research Stories</u>, Western Sydney University: Wrote & delivered new lecture (1hr) "From field plant ecology to computer modelling and big data", 2015

Biol 391: Biological Sciences Capstone, Macquarie Uni: Wrote & delivered 2hr lecture "Biology in the age of data", 2014

#### Short courses & skills workshops

BEES Coding and Statistics Course, University of New South Wales Sydney: Co-wrote & delivered (w  $\overline{W}$  Cornwell) 2 day course for HDR students/staff "Intermediate coding in R", 2020

BEES Coding and Statistics Course, University of New South Wales Sydney: Co-wrote & delivered (w  $\overline{W}$  Cornwell, M Lyons) 2 day course for HDR students and staff "Introduction to coding in R", 2018-2020

<u>Annual conference</u>, Ecological Society of Australia: Co-wrote & delivered (w S Windecker, J Yen, N Golding) 1 day course "Taking your R skills to the next level: four great strategies for reproducible research", 2019

E&ERC Bag of Academic tricks, University of New South Wales Sydney: Co-wrote & delivered (w Lee Rollins) 1hr lecture "How to build an academic CV", 2018

E&ERC Bag of Academic tricks, University of New South Wales Sydney: Wrote & delivered 1hr lecture *"Tips for improving quantitative skills"*, 2017

Software carpentry bootcamp, ResBaz, ResBaz/Software carpentry (University of Sydney): Co-wrote & delivered (w J Madin, D Noble, & 3 helpers) 2 day course "Intermediate R", 2016

 $\frac{\rm R}{R''}$ users group, Macquarie University: Wrote & delivered new tutorial (!hr) "Publication quality plots in  $\overline{R''},\,2016$ 

Software carpentry bootcamp, University of NSW: Co-wrote & delivered (w R FitzJohn, D Barneche, 4 helpers) 2 day course "Intermediate R", 2014

Software carpentry bootcamp, University of Technology Sydney: Co-wrote & delivered (w R FitzJohn, D Barneche, 4 helpers) 2 day course "Intermediate R", 2014

Software carpentry bootcamp, Macquarie University: Participated as 1 of 4 helpers, assisting Greg Wilson 2 day course "Introduction to Scientific Programming", 2013

<u>Genes to GeoSceinces outreach course</u>, Macquarie University: Co-wrote & delivered (w R FitzJohn) 8 x 1.5 hr tutorials teaching programming skills "Nice R code", 2013

Self study course, Umeå University Sweden: Wrote & delivered 8 reading topics designed for PhD student with background in mathematics "Readings in plant ecology", 2013

<u>Genes to GeoSceinces outreach course</u>, Macquarie University: Wrote & delivered 2 day course "Modelling population dynamics: using first year math to model population growth rates, survival, and fitness", 2011

Postdoc Elizabeth Wenk, Macquarie University (2011-2015, 0.2 FTE), Supervisor : "Reproductive Supervision allocation in native plants." Anaïs Gibert, Macquarie University (2014-2015), Co-supervisor: "Testing theory about plant growth." James Camac, Macquarie University (2013-2015), Supervisor : "New methods for modelling mortality." Rich FitzJohn, Macquarie University (2013-2015), Co-supervisor : "New software for simulation plant growth & dynamics." PhD Charlie Hinchliffe, University of New South Wales Sydney (2017-present), joint supervisor : "Growth & mortality of larval fish." Dony Indiarto, University of New South Wales Sydney (2018-present), joint supervisor : "Effect of climate change on trait mixtures." Scientia scheme Pietro Pollo, University of New South Wales Sydney (2019-present), secondary supervisor : "Understanding male mate choice." Scientia scheme Emma Gray, Macquarie University (2014-2017), Co-supervisor : "Growth rates and functional traits of tropical rainforest and savanna species." Magnus Lindh, Umeå University (Sweden) (2008-2012), International collaborator : "Evolution of Plants - a mathematical perspective." Maud Combaul, IIASA (Austria) (2010), International collaborator: "Evolutionary and ecological impacts of disturbance regimes on vegetation structures." Bo Liu, University of New South Wales Sydney (2020-present), Co-supervisor : "Fine-scale MSc variation of growth rates of small pelagic larval fish in south-easternQueensland, Australia." Raffale Rani, Umeå University (Sweden) (2012-2014), Co-supervisor : "Plant growth & architecture." John Wilshire, Macquarie University (2019), Co-supervisor : "Tracking long-term changes Honours in a floodplain vegetation community." (1st class) Undergrad. Ashleigh Ford, University of New South Wales Sydney (2019), Supervisor : "Summer research project: Tree rings in Australia." Katrina Guo, University of New South Wales Sydney (2019 T2), Supervisor : "Talented

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Ramses Reyes, University of New South Wales Sydney (2019 T2), Supervisor : "Talented

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	Panel member Research assistant	<ul> <li>Casey Gibson, University of New South Wales Sydney (2017-present), PhD Nicholas Chu, University of New South Wales Sydney (2018-present), MSc</li> <li>Gabe O'Reilly, University of New South Wales Sydney (2018-present), PhD</li> <li>Alex Aloy, University of New South Wales Sydney (2018-present), PhD</li> <li>Manon Sabot, University of New South Wales Sydney (2019-present), PhD</li> <li>Zoe Xircostas, University of New South Wales Sydney (2019-present), PhD</li> <li>Giancarlo Chiarenza, University of New South Wales Sydney (2019-present), PhD</li> <li>Giancarlo Chiarenza, University of New South Wales Sydney (2019-present), PhD</li> <li>Louis Dardare, University of New South Wales Sydney (2010), Honours</li> <li>Elizabeth Wenk, University of New South Wales Sydney (2017-present, 0.2 FTE), supervisor : "Assembling the AusTraits database."</li> <li>Simon Gorta, University of New South Wales Sydney (2020, 1mo), supervisor : "History of vegetation in Myall Lakes region."</li> <li>Saras Windecker, University of New South Wales Sydney (2018, 1mo), supervisor : "Assembling the AusTraits database."</li> <li>Caitlin Baxter, University of New South Wales Sydney (2019, 6mo), supervisor : "Assembling the AusTraits database."</li> <li>Diego Barneche, Macquarie University (2013-2014, 0.2 FTE), Supervisor : "Assembling the Biomass &amp; Allometry Database."</li> <li>Diego Barneche, Macquarie University (2013-2014, 0.2 FTE), Supervisor : "Assembling the Biomass &amp; Allometry Database."</li> </ul>		
		the Biomass & Allometry Database.		
Institutional Service	Deputy Director (Graduate Program) of Evolution & Ecology Research Centre, UNSW Sydney, 2019-present			
	Co-wrote documents for review & renewal of the Evolution & Ecology Research Centre, UNSW Sydney, 2020			
	Contributed material on carbon farming for Fowlers Gap Project Group Final Report "Options for future management of Fowlers Gap Research Station", UNSW Sydney, 2020			
	Compiled publication data for review of research centres in School of Biological, Earth & Environmental Sciences, UNSW Sydney, 2020			
	Member Postgraduate Committee, School of Biological Earth & Environmental Sciences, UNSW Sydney, 2019-present			
	Compiled the Annual Research Collection for School of Biological, Earth & Environmental Sciences (over 700 publications), UNSW Sydney, 2020			
	Recruitment panel for postdoc position (w M Tanaka), UNSW Sydney, 2019			
	Compiled the Annual Research Collection for School of Biological, Earth & Environmental Sciences (over 600 publications), UNSW Sydney, 2019			
	Coordinator of Evolution & Ecology Seminar series; 30 talks over two years; achieved goal of 50:50 gender balance, UNSW Sydney, 2017-2018			
	Host for visiting seminar speakers, Prof David Christian; Dr Adam Roff; Dr Remko Duursma; Dr Jerome Chave, (Macquarie University), 2015			
	Contributed to review of post-doctoral experiences within the Department of Biological Sciences, Macquarie University, 2014			
	Organised Q&A panel session on 'How to land a faculty job' for ECRs with 5 academics & $\sim 30$ students Macquarie University, 2014			
	Jointly dev	veloped new welcome protocol for new ECRs, Macquarie University, 2015		
	Joint found	der and member post-doctoral researcher committee, Macquarie University, 2014-2015		

Member Biological Sciences Quantitative Advice Committee, Macquarie University, 2011-2016

Chair of Genes-to-Geosciences-Fund committee, Macquarie University, 2012-present

Professional Service & Memberships	Peer Re Evolutio Biogeogr One, Pr	viewer for journals: Am Nat, AoB Plants, Aust J Ecol, Beh Ecol, Ecology, Ecology Letters, on, Forests, Fun Ecol, Global Ecol Bio, J Ecol, J Plant Phys, J Theor Biol, Journal of raphy, New Phyt, Oec, Oikos, Perspectives in Plant Ecology, Evolution and Systematics, PLOS occeedings B, TREE, & Zoo Sci, ongoing	
	Grant Reviewer for: ARC, NSF, NERC, Czech, sDiv, ongoing		
	Society member: Ecological Society Australia, Software Carpentry, Open Traits Network, ongoing		
	Member of Conference Working Group: oversee running of annual conference for Ecological Society of Australia, 2017-present		
	Joint for	under of global network: Open Traits Network (http://opentraits.org/), 2018-present	
	Joint for Chapter	under of new research chapter in Ecological Society of Australia: Quantitative Ecology Research (https://esa-qerc.github.io/), 2018-present	
	Oppone	nt for PhD defence of Dr Karin Olsson: Danish Technical University (Copenhagen), 2015	
	Leader of the data-sharing platform: AusTraits (http://traitecoevo.github.io/austraits.build/), 2016-present		
	Member	of management committee for the data-sharing platform: coraltraits.org, 2014-2016	
	Founder	and leader of data-sharing platform: Biomass and Allometry Database, 2012-2016	
	Joint founder of new research chapter in Ecological Society of Australia: Theory of Australian Ecosystems, 2016-present		
Professional	2019	Australian Academy of Science annual meeting (3 days) Canherra ACT	
Development	2019	Australasian Evolution Society conference (2 days), UNSW Sydney	
		Ecological Society of Australia conference (2 days), Launceston TAS	
		Working with Google Earth Engine, 2 hr course, UNSW Sydney	
		Sexual Misconduct Awareness, online course at UNSW Sydney	
	2018	Engaging with policy makers: How to get your research noticed, UNSW Sydney panel discussion	
		Research Integrity, online course at UNSW Sydney	
		Working with Industry, 1 day course at UNSW Sydney	
		ACEMS Intractable Likelinoods, 2 day course at UQ Brisbane	
		Essentials of Supervision, 2 day course at UNSW Sydney	
		Ecological Society of Australia conference (4 days) Brisbane OLD	
	2017	Data Carpentry Instructor training, online course from "The Carpentries"	
		Macquarie University Genes to Geosciences Outlook conference (2 days), Sydney NSW	
		Ecological Society of Australia conference (4 days), Pokolbin NSW	
	2016	Ecological Society of Australia conference (4 days), Perth WA	
		UseR conference (4 days), Stanford USA	
		Sydney Bioinformatics Research Symposium, University of Sydney	
	2015	Nature master-class: writing for the Nature family of journals (1 day course), Garvan Institute Ecological Society of Australia conference (4 days), Adelaide SA	
		Ecostats: Technological advances between Ecology & Statistics conference, UNSW Sydney	
		EUMacro conference, University of Copenhagen	
		Knowledge Discovery Data Mining conference (2 days), Sydney NSW	
		House Svdnev	
	2013	HDR supervision (1 day), Macquarie University	
		Software Carpentry instructors training course (5 day course), Software Carpentry Foundation	
		Intecol conference (4 days), London UK	
	2012	Ecological Society of Australia conference (4 days), Melbourne VIC	
	2010	Responsible Service of Alcohol (1 day), Tafe NSW	

	Research proposals" (Michael Gilling 1 day)', Macquarie University
	Global carbon cycling" (Colin Prentic 1 day)', Macquarie University
	Writing for journals & citation metrics" (M Gillings, 1 day)', Macquarie University
	Transition from PhD to research career (M Leishman, 1 day)', Macquarie University
	Australasian Evolution Society conference (3 days), ANU Canberra
	European Society for Evolutionary Biology conference (4 days), Turin Italy
2008	Constructing & working with models (H Kokko, 1 day)', Macquarie University
	Toughness, elasticity & breakage of biological materials (J Madin, 1 day)', Macquarie University
	Australian postgraduate course in current ecology & evolution (1 day), University of Sydney
	Fresh Science: Media skills for scientists (1 wk), Melbourne
	Ecological Society of Australia conference (4 days), University of Sydney
2007	Toastmasters Member (3 yr), Leichhardt
	Evolution conference (American Society of Naturalists, Society for the Study of Evolution, Society of Systematic Biologists, 4 days), Christchurch New Zealand
2005	Australian postgraduate course in current ecology $\&$ evolution (1 day), University of Queensland
	Fragilome: Fragile sites & chromosomal instability conference (3 days), Heidelberg Germany
	Ecological Society of Australia conference (4 days), University of Queensland
2002	St Johns Remote First Aid,
	2nd year course: Algorithms & Data Structures (14 weeks, placed $3/500$ ), Macquarie University
	Australian postgraduate course in current ecology & evolution (1 day), James Cook University
	Ecological Society of Australia conference (4 days), James Cook University
2001	Australian postgraduate course in current ecology & evolution (1 day), University of Wollongong
	Ecological Society of Australia conference (4 days), University of Wollongong
2000	Ecological Society of Australia (4 days), La Trobe University VIC

# **Presentations** Department Seminars

2018	University of Canberra (Australia)
	University of Wollongong (Australia)
	University of New South Wales Sydney (Australia)
2017	Monash University (Australia)
	Western Sydney University (Australia)
2016	University of Queensland (Australia)
	Princeton University (USA)
	Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute (Panama)
2015	IRSTEA Grenoble (France)
	CNRS Montpellier (France)
	University of Sydney (Australia)
	Macquarie University (Australia)
2012	CTFS Science talk (Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute, Panama)
	EERC Seminar Series (University of New South Wales)
2006	University of Wageningen (Netherlands)

# Invited plenaries

2015	Falster D. Towards a theory of plant trait diversity. Ecological Society of Australia (Adelaide)
	Falster D. Modelling strategic behaviour during combat (in plants). Eco-Stats: technological
	advances between ecology & statistics (Sydney)
2013	Falster D. Trait-based annroaches in plant ecology: towards a theory of form & function Trait-

- 2013 Falster D. Trait-based approaches in plant ecology: towards a theory of form & function. Traitbased approaches to Ocean Life (Copenhagen)
- 2010 Westoby M & Falster D. Species traits, niches, & community assembly. Gordon Conference on Metabolic Scaling (Uni New England, USA)

#### **First-Authored talks**

2018 Falster D. Predicting vegetation diversity & structure from ecological & evolutionary first prin*ciples.* Society for Mathematical Biology (Sydney) Falster D. New theory on how functional traits influence plant growth  $\mathcal{B}$  shade tolerance across the life cycle. Ecological Society of Australia (Brisbane) 2017 Falster D. 5 recommended techniques for modelling tree mortality. Ecological Society of Australia (Pokolbin) Falster D. From Lotka-Volterra to Trait databases: a daring organisation of theories about ecological strategy. Ecological Society of Australia (Pokolbin) Falster D. Why competition matters. Genes to Geosciences Outlook (Sydney) 2016 Falster D. The plant package for R. Demography beyond the population (virtual conference) Falster D. The challenge of combining 176 x #otherpeoplesdata to create the Biomass And Allometry Database (BAAD). UseR (Stanford, USA) Falster D. Reproducible research in R with remake. Sydney Bioinformatics Research Symposium Falster D. Key trade-offs maintaining successional diversity. Ecological Society of Australia (Perth) 2015Falster D. Data-driven ecology. Knowledge Discovery & Data Mining (Sydney) Falster D. Trait-based forest assembly generates neutral outcomes from niche processes. EU-Macro (Copenhagen, Denmark) Falster D. The challenge of combining 176 x #otherpeoples data to create the Biomass And Allometry Database (BAAD). Ecological Society of Australia (Adelaide) 2013 Falster D. Growth trajectories: a new way of understanding the influence of traits on plant growth. Intecol (London) 2012 Falster D. Growth trajectories: a new way of understanding the influence of traits on plant growth. Ecological Society of Australia (Melbourne) Falster D, Brännström Å, Westoby M & Dieckmann U. Evolution of growth strategy in size-2009 structured plant communities. Australasian Evolution Society (Canberra) Falster D, Moles AT & Westoby M. Big babies & small families make evolutionary sense - title 2008*implications for ecology?*. Ecological Society of Australia (Sydney) Falster D, Moles AT & Westoby M. A general model for scaling of offspring size & adult size. 2007 Evolution (Christchurch), New Zealand Falster D & Westoby M. Coordination of height with other traits. Ecological Society of Australia 2005(Brisbane) Falster D & Westoby M. Plant strategies for light capture: the influence of leaf angle & leaf 2001size. Ecological Society of Australia (Wollongong) 2000Falster D & Westoby M. Digitising leaf display to compare architectures. Ecological Society of Australia (Melbourne)

#### Workshops

- 2019 Falster D, Gallagher R, Madin J. Open & reproducible workflows for combining lots of #otherpeoplesdata. Royal Botanic Gardens Traits workshop (Sydney)
- 2018 Falster D, Gallagher R, Madin J. Some challenges of working with trait data. Atlas Living Australia Traits Workshop (Canberra) Falster D. Prospects for handling complex stand structures in CABLE. CABLE Science Meeting (UNSW Sydney)
- 2014 Falster D. Trait-based approaches in plant ecology – towards a theory of form & function. Coral traits workshop (Sydney)
- 2011Falster D. A predictive theory of trait diversity. Tempo & Mode of Plant Trait Evolution ( NEScent / Macquarie University)

Falster D. Mind the gap: size-structure & competition in vegetation models. Challenges in Modelling Vegetation Function & Dynamics (UWS)

Falster D, Brännström Å, Westoby M & Dieckmann U. Towards a general theory of plant trait diversity. Next generation DGVMs, Macquarie University

- 2010 Falster D. Towards a general theory of plant trait diversity. Next generation DGVMs (Macquarie University)
- Falster D, Brännström Å, Westoby M & Dieckmann U. Evolution of growth strategy in sizestructured plant communities. Sydney Ecophysiology Group
   Falster D. Evolution of growth strategy in size-structured plant communities. Approaches to modelling vegetation dynamics (University of Western Sydney)
- 2008 Falster D. Plant heights as an example of mixture coexistence & the problem of the fast solver. Towards an evolutionary ecology vegetation model (Macquarie University)

## Student talks

- 2019 Pollo P. When should male mate choice evolve?. Australasian Evolution Society (UNSW) Indiarto D, Falster D, Nakagawa S, Cornwell W. Predicting range limits from functional traits: assessing generality of response across two continents. Ecological Society of Australia (TAS)
- 2018 Hinchliffe C. Using mortality & growth rate relationships of larval fish to assess the role of frontal eddies as off-shore nursery grounds. 42nd Annual Larval Fish Conference (Canada)
- 2014 Gray E, Eller A, Lehmann C, Falster D and Wright I. Assimilation & allocation: explaining variation in plant growth rates using functional traits. Ecological Society of Australia (Alice Springs)
- 2013 Lindh M, Zhang L, Falster D, Franklin O, Westoby M & Brännström Å. Plant diversity & drought. 7th Inter. Conf. on Functional-Structural Plant Models (Saariselkä, Finland)
   Díaz M, Falster D & Madin J. title is cover hiding? Understanding Sarcophyton spp. population dynamics after a cyclone disturbance. ACRIS (Sydney)

Symposia &	2019	(workshop) Invited speaker – Australian Research Data Commons, Data Summit (Brisbane).
Workshops		(workshop) Invited participant – Forest Diversity & dynamics (Macquarie University, Sydney).
		(workshop) Invited speaker – Plant Traits Workshop (Royal Botanic Gardens, Sydney).

- 2018 (workshop) Invited speaker National traits workshop (Atlas of Living Australia, CSIRO).
- 2017 (workshop) Invited participant R open sci oz-unconference (Melbourne).
  (workshop) Co-organised with Gallagher Collaborative trait research and data: a round table discussion about trait data analysis and its value for climate change adaptation planning.
  (conference symposium) Co-organised (with Yen, Golding, Windecker) Quantitative Ecology Symposia (3 conference sessions over 2 days within the Ecological Society of Australia conference).

(conference symposium) Iniated and co-organised (with Yen, Golding, Windecker) – Quantitative Ecology Showcase (mini-conference with 4 conference sessions over 2 days within the Ecological Society of Australia conference).

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- 2016 (conference symposium) Co-organised with Gallagher, Mokany A diversity of approaches: key advances in trait-based theory and methods (Ecological Society of Australia conference).
- 2015 (conference symposium) Invited speaker & panel member Modern Ecology: Challenges and Opportunities (Ecological Society of Australia conference).

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- 2014 (workshop) Workshop facilitator Coral Traits Working Group (Macquarie University).
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- 2011 (workshop) Invited speaker & participant Next generation DGVMs (Macquarie University). (workshop) Co-organised with Remko Duursma – Challenges in modelling vegetation function and dynamics (University of Western Sydney).
- 2009 (workshop) Invited speaker & participant Approaches to modelling vegetation (University of Western Sydney).

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