



## 19th Smithsonian Botanical Symposium

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The Smithsonian's Department of Botany and the United States Botanic Garden will hold the 19<sup>th</sup> Smithsonian Botanical Symposium, "[Life on the Edge: Exceptional Plants in Exceptional Places](#)," on 13 May 2022, from 1pm - 5:30pm EDT. The Symposium will explore current research on plants in extreme environments, examining their natural history, evolution, and value for human survival, in the face of climate change and increasing pollution. Speakers will include scientists specializing in conservation, ecology, systematics, and genetics whose research explores plant survival in extreme parts of the natural world.



We are happy to announce the line-up of speakers of the Symposium:

**Jessica Allen**, Eastern Washington University - "Urban lichens: symbioses in the built environment"

**Jenna Ekwealor**, Smithsonian Institution - "The secret lives of desert moss"

**BSA Member Fabian A. Michelangeli**, New York Botanical Garden - "Endemism and adaptations in the flora of the lost world"

**Ben Nyberg**, National Tropical Botanical Garden - "A conservation airlift: applications of drone technology in plant conservation"

**BSA Member Tanisha M. Williams**, Bucknell University - "Protecting the Fynbos: climate change insights from South Africa"

Information about the speakers and the abstracts of their talks have been posted on the [Symposium webpage](#).

The National Museum of Natural History has lifted all pandemic restrictions. The Symposium will be held as a hybrid event, serving both in-person and virtual guests. If you wish to attend in-person, the Symposium will be held at the National Museum of Natural History in Washington, DC. If you wish to attend virtually, a Zoom link will be provided after you register online. All attendees, both in-person and virtual, are asked to register by [clicking here](#).

The event is [free](#); there is no registration fee to attend the Symposium.



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