

Following her surveys in the Nelson Lakes area, Margaret's main interest turned to seeds. She was in charge of the Seed Exchange (natives) and at the time of her death was working on a Seed Atlas, which included highly magnified photographs of seeds. These showed up the wrinkled, netted, or other fascinating patterns on the surfaces of the tiniest seeds. As far as I know, this has not yet been published by Landcare. [The Atlas is well-nigh completed – Colin Webb has put a great deal of work into it in recent years – Ed.]

Unfortunately Margaret never wrote up her work on the flora of the Nelson Lakes National Park, though she did publish several short papers under her maiden name, M.J.A. Simpson. Some were about plants she had observed when working in the Park and on Farewell Spit. Margaret died in May 1996, aged 75.

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