



These people are fantastic at species identification

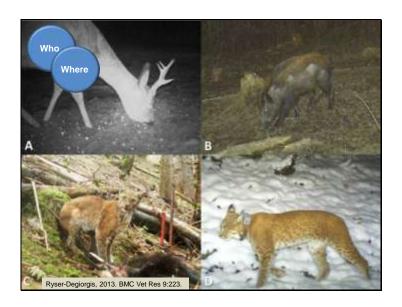


there are mapping facilities for species available through many of the state based environment organisations



Australian Citizen Science Assoc is part of Atlas of Living Australia

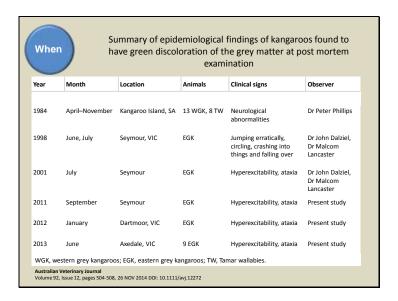




When

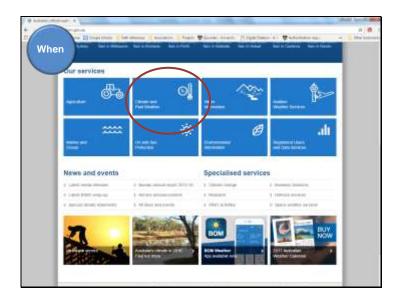
- When is illness being detected?
- When did the insult occur?
- Different scales of time (be as specific as possible):
 - Time of day/week
 - Time of year/season
 - Which years
 - Coincidence with other events





Does a disease exist if it's not in the literature? Diseases also emerge into our knowledge base





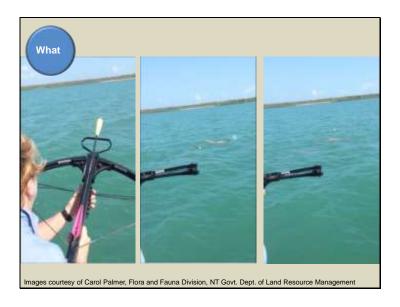




What

- Vet/Pathologist's realm
- Outline the case definition clinical signs, pathology
- Sample collection
 - Communication with collectors

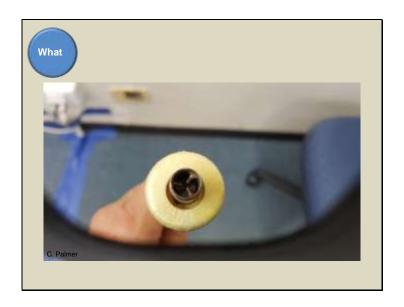


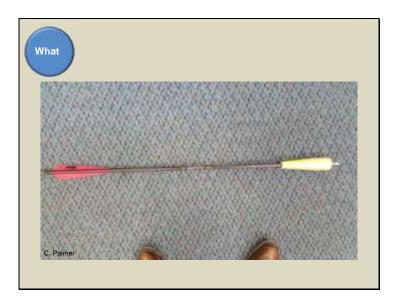


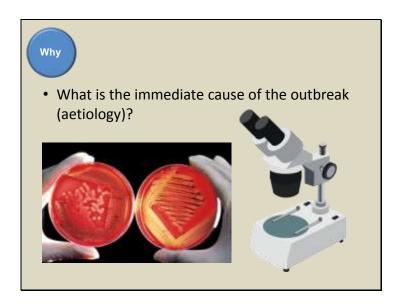
However, in 2014, another attempt to biopsy, using this impressive looking cross bow, was successful in collecting affected skin.









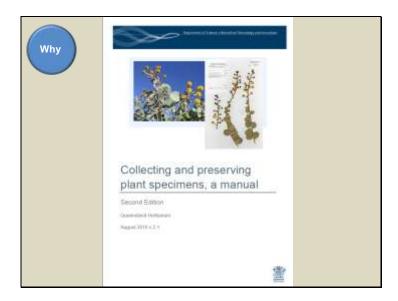










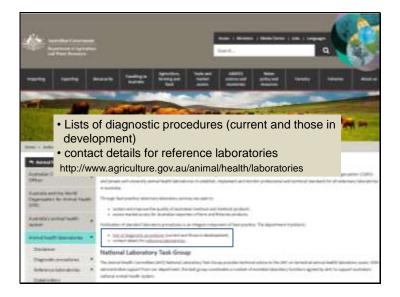


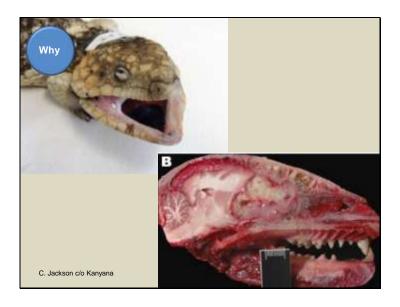
Just like we want specimens submitted appropriately, so do the plant folks.













Next Generation Sequencing

Pros

Don't need to know what the target is

Hugely powerful way to interrogate a sample
Bacteria, viruses, fungi, parasites...anything!



Cons

Expensive (coming down)
Requirement for computing

power

Some bioinformatics understanding required

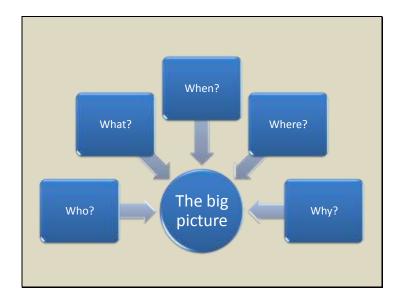
Host DNA can mask some pathogens

Slide credit: Mark O'Dea & Bethany Jackson

Why

 We (UC Davis in collaboration with NIH and UCSF) have, at this point, an algorithm using molecular biology (deg PCR, deep sequencing, RCA etc) to find viruses associated with tumors, so if anyone there has a candidate tumor they want us to work up, let us know!

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Dr. Richard Rock of the Royal Veterinary College was on hand. By his report, the death rate among animals that became sick was 100% and they died within hours of initial signs. He also explained that epidemiologically the speed of the outbreak was not consistent with an infectious disease which should take time to pass through a herd.

