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YOUR BEST SHOT



The summer 2017 best shot was submitted by Dick Bos, who described it as follows: "Toothbrush Fern (*Schizaea pectinata*) coming up in a bed of Small Sundew (*Drosera trinerva*). The photo was taken on 24 September 2015 in Silvermine Nature Reserve. At that time determining the species of plant that was unfurling was a bit confusing, since *Drosera* flowers can also unfurl their flowers in this way, but no match was found in our field guides. Searching the internet and expanding

the search eventually produced the Toothbrush fern. In the centre of each spiral the beginning of the brush can be seen against the light."

Thank you to all who submitted best shot images. Special mentions for this quarter are: Belinda van Rensburg for an exquisite photo of a Sugarbird on *Mimetes* and Jean Smith for her photos of *Hessea* in flower near Sprinbok.

Guidelines for submitting your best shot

Send your best shot entry to info@botanicalsociety.org.za.

Images of plants, parts of plants, or with plant habitats as the main subject of the photo will be considered. Photos of fauna will not be considered unless pictured in a clear interaction with a plant or plants.

Please make sure that any photograph you submit is high resolution, and is preferably the same size in which it emerged from your camera.

Photos must be submitted in jpeg-image format – as a file attachment – and may not be incorporated into the body of your email. Please supply details of when (month and year) and where (general locality) the photo was taken, and provide the correct plant identification where possible.

No photograph including humans will be considered for best shot without clear identification of the person/people (their name/s must be supplied), and a written assurance that their permission for publication has been supplied to the photographer.

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