There has been a delay in this issue of PlantLife, in part in order to accumulate funds which are only part met by subscriptions. In the meantime, PlantLife reached a considerable milestone, namely its twentieth birthday since founded by Tony Abbott in September 1989.

This issue includes a diverse and exciting spread of contributions. One of the most unusual for some time is by Dr Clinton Carbutt, following his visit to China’s Kanas National Geopark. We are also particularly fortunate in having Prof. K.D. Gordon-Gray and C.J. ‘Roddy’ Ward share some of their large and lifetime-gathered knowledge on the Cyperaceae.

A second milestone for PlantLife is the publication of new species, with the first introduced in this issue. Further new species will be described in future issues.

PlantLife very much depends on submissions from subscribers, and amateur and professional botanists alike. Although a number have already been received towards the next issue, I would like to ask all interested persons to reach for their pens and send us more!

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Habitat of Pseudoprospero firmifolium subsp. natalensis – dry valleys near Mapumulo, along the banks of the Tugela River.