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Profiles	Orcid: 0002-9814-092X, Google scholar: QXMISwEAAAAAJ, Scopus: 6507695598, LinkedIn: danielfalster, Github: dfalster, Impact story: 0002-9814-092X,
Summary of research outputs	<p>Articles: 42 articles in leading international journals such as <i>Nature</i>, <i>PNAS</i>, <i>Trends in Ecology & Evolution</i>, <i>Biological Reviews</i>, <i>New Phytologist</i>, <i>Methods in Ecology & Evolution</i>, <i>Journal of Ecology</i>, <i>American Naturalist</i>.</p> <p>Citations: > 6900 total citations, > 700 citations yr⁻¹, 11 papers cited > 100 times each, H-index of 24 [Google Scholar].</p> <p>Datasets: I have produced and made publicly available two global compilations: the Biomass and Allometry Database, and the Coral Traits Database, as well as other datasets.</p> <p>Software: I have produced and made publicly available important software packages, including the statistical package SMATR (used in over 750 publications) and the growth model, plant.</p> <p>Reproducible science: I am making my publications entirely reproducible (see traitecoevo.github.io), enabling others to reproduce, adapt, apply and extend my results.</p>
Research highlights	<p>Global shift towards trait-based ecology: My research has enabled global quantification and comparison of plant strategies by i) proposing four leading traits to capture global plant diversity, now quantified for many of the world's species (Westoby <i>et al</i> 2002, 1650 cites); ii) Developing methods enabled comparison of light capture among species (Falster <i>et al</i> 2003, 302 cites); iii) Quantifying a global trade-off in how conductive tissue in stems is arranged (Zanne <i>et al</i> 2010, 181 cites).</p> <p>Trait-based community assembly: My recent work shows how tradeoffs in plant function mediate species coexistence and how we can predict trait mixtures from first principles (Falster <i>et al</i> 2017, 3 cites).</p> <p>Global rules of plant competition: Using growth data from > 3 million trees in plots across the world, Kunstler <i>et al</i> 2016 (86 cites) shows how functional traits influence competitive interactions.</p> <p>The Biomass and Allometry Database: Synthesises data collected in 176 different studies to create the world's largest, public database on individual plant allometry (Falster <i>et al</i> 2015, 30 cites).</p> <p>How traits influence plant growth: I have shown why the effect of traits on plant growth changes with size (Falster <i>et al</i> 2011, 2016b, 72 cites) and verified predictions via meta-analysis (Gibert <i>et al</i> 2016, 4 cites).</p> <p>Why do large parents have large offspring?: I showed how size-asymmetric competition among rival offspring explains the phenomena, unifying theory across different taxa (Falster <i>et al</i> 2008, 30 cites).</p>
Education	<p>PhD in ecology, <i>Towards a general theory of plant trait diversity</i> – Macquarie University, supervised by Prof. Mark Westoby 2006-2010</p> <p>MSc (Honours I), <i>Plant height strategies</i> – Macquarie University, supervised by Prof. Mark Westoby 2002-2003</p> <p>BSc (Ecology and Environmental Science), University of New South Wales 1996-2000</p>
Positions (2006-)	<p>ARC Future Fellow (Level C) – University of New South Wales (Tenure track) 2017-2022</p> <p>Research Fellow (Level C) – Macquarie University (1 yr) 2016</p> <p>ARC Australian Post-doctoral Fellow (Level B) – Macquarie University (4 yr) 2011-2015</p> <p>Post-doctoral visiting scientist – Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute (Panama), hosted by Dr Joe Wright (4 yr 0.1FTE) 2011-2014</p> <p>Australian Laureate Post-doctoral Research Fellow (Level A) – Macquarie University, hosted by Prof. M Westoby (2 yr) 2010-2011</p>

	Summer Scholar – International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis; hosted by Dr Ulf Dieckmann (0.5 FTE)	2006-2009
	IT & web support , ARC-NZ Research Network for Vegetation Function – Macquarie University (2.5 yrs, 0.1FTE)	2006-2009
Grants (2006-)	ARC Future Fellow, AUD 802,332; CI (100%), Niche 2.0 - Australian and global plant diversity from first principles	2017-2022
	SIEF, AUD 4mill; partner investigator (PI, 50%). Big Data Knowledge Discovery: Machine Learning meets Natural Science	2013-2016
	Swedish formas, SEK 4258,000; PI (5%) Precision forestry for the future: enhanced forest management by optimized tree selection in thinning operations	2013-2015
	MQ RIBG, AUD 82,000, (PI); Ecophysiological instrumentation to measure leaf, stem and whole-plant CO₂ and water use	2012
	ARC Discovery Project, AUD 310,000; CI (100%), Putting adaptation into vegetation models: towards a predictive theory of trait diversity and stand structure	2011-2013
	MQ Postgraduate Research Fund, AUD 4500. With Vice-Chancellor’s commendation	2009
	ARC Postgraduate Award, AUD 70,000; Chief investigator (CI) (100%)	2006-2009
Honours & awards (2006-)	Next Generation Ecologist Ecological Society of Australia	2015
	Creativity and contributions to teaching award for the ‘Nice R Code course and blog’, Department of Biological Sciences, Macquarie University	2014
	National University Teaching Award for Genes to Geosciences program at Macquarie University	2012
	Highly commended, Early Career Researcher of the Year Award – Macquarie University	2011
	Outstanding student presentation , 6th Biennial Meeting of the Australasian Evolution Society, ANU	2009
	UNSW EERC prize for ‘outstanding presentation in evolutionary ecology’ – Ecological Society of Australia Conference	2008
	1 of 16 invited participants for Fresh Science Media Course – Science in Public	2008
	Aurelio Peccei Award for ‘outstanding scientific achievement’ during Summer Program – International Institute of Applied Systems Analysis, Austria	2006
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	Falster DS, Duursma RA, FitzJohn RG (2016) Trajectories: how functional traits influence plant growth and shade tolerance across the life-cycle . <i>bioRxiv</i> : 083451. doi: 10.1101/083451 code: github	
Articles (published)	Falster DS, Brännström Å, Westoby M, Dieckmann U (2017) Multitrait successional forest dynamics enable diverse competitive coexistence . <i>Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences USA</i> 114: E2719-E2728. doi: 10.1073/pnas.1610206114 preprint: 10.1101/014605 code: github Times cited: 3	
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INVITED PLENARIES

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Falster DS (2015) Modelling strategic behaviour during combat (in plants). *Eco-Stats: technological advances between ecology and statistics (Sydney)*

Falster DS (2013) Trait-based approaches in plant ecology: towards a theory of form and function. *Trait-based approaches to Ocean Life (Copenhagen)*

Westoby M ^ & **Falster DS** (2010) Species traits, niches, and community assembly. *Gordon Conference on Metabolic Scaling (Uni New England, USA)*

DEPARTMENT SEMINARS

Falster DS (2016) Towards a theory of plant trait diversity. *University of Queensland*

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Falster DS (2012) Competition for light promotes plant-trait and species diversity via niche partitioning and neutral dynamics. *CTFS Science talk (Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute, Panama)*

Falster DS (2012) Trait-based niche differentiation in forests: fresh insight from a mechanistic model. *EERC Seminar Series (University of New South Wales)*

CONFERENCE TALKS

Falster DS (2016) The challenge of combining 176 x #otherpeoplesdata to create the Biomass And Allometry Database (BAAD). *UseR (Stanford, USA)*

Falster DS (2016) Reproducible research in R with remake. *Sydney Bioinformatics Research Symposium*

Falster DS (2016) Key trade-offs maintaining successional diversity. *Ecological Society of Australia (Perth)*

Falster DS (2015) Data-driven ecology. *Knowledge Discovery and Data Mining (Sydney)*

Falster DS (2015) Trait-based forest assembly generates neutral outcomes from niche processes. *EU-Macro (Copenhagen, Denmark)*

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Falster DS (2012) Growth trajectories: a new way of understanding the influence of traits on plant growth. *Ecological Society of Australia (Melbourne)*

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WORKSHOPS

Falster DS (2014) Trait-based approaches in plant ecology – towards a theory of form and function. *Coral traits workshop (Sydney)*

Falster DS (2011) A predictive theory of trait diversity. *Tempo & Mode of Plant Trait Evolution (NEScent / Macquarie University)*

Falster DS (2011) Mind the gap: size-structure and competition in vegetation models. *Challenges in Modelling Vegetation Function and Dynamics (UWS)*

Falster DS, Brännström Å, Westoby M & Dieckmann U (2011) Towards a general theory of plant trait diversity. *Next generation DGVMs, Macquarie University*

Falster DS, Brännström Å[^], Westoby M & Dieckmann U (2010) Towards a general theory of plant trait diversity. *Evolution of divergence and speciation models of specific systems (Hölar, Iceland)*

Falster DS (2010) Towards a general theory of plant trait diversity. *Next generation DGVMs (Macquarie University)*

STUDENT TALKS & POSTERS

Gray E[^], **Falster DS** & Wright IJ (2014) Assimilation and allocation: explaining variation in plant growth rates using functional traits. *Ecological Society of Australia (Alice Springs)*

Rani R[^], Abramowicz K, Brännström Å & **Falster DS** (2013) Influence of morphological traits on wood litter production. *7th International Conference on Functional-Structural Plant Models; Saariselkä, Finland*

Lindh M[^], Zhang L, **Falster DS**, Franklin O, Westoby M & Brännström Å (2013) Plant diversity and drought. *7th International Conference on Functional-Structural Plant Models; Saariselkä, Finland*

Díaz M[^], Falster DS & Madin J (2013) What is cover hiding? Understanding Sarcophyton spp. population dynamics after a cyclone disturbance. *ACRIS (Sydney)*

Workshops	A diversity of approaches: key advances in trait-based theory and methods (Ecological Society of Australia conference)	2016 Dec 2
	My role: Co-organised with Gallagher	
	Modern Ecology: Challenges and Opportunities (Ecological Society of Australia conference)	2015 Dec 2
	My role: Invited speaker & panel member	
	Data Driven Science (21st ACM SIGKDD conference on Knowledge Discovery & Data Mining)	2015 Aug 12
	My role: Invited speaker & panel member	
	Coral Traits Working Group (Macquarie University)	2014 Jun 9-13
	My role: Workshop facilitator	
	How are competitive interactions influenced by traits – a global analysis? (Macquarie University)	2013 Sep 16-20
	My role: Co-organised with Georges Kunstler	
	Trait based approaches to Ocean Life (Danish Royal Academy of Sciences)	2013 Aug 26-28
	My role: Invited participant and keynote speaker	
	Next generation DGVMs, brainstorming session (Macquarie University)	2011 Jun 24
My role: Invited speaker & participant		
Challenges in modelling vegetation function and dynamics (University of Western Sydney)	2011 Dec 2	
My role: Co-organised with Remko Duursma		
Approaches to modelling vegetation (University of Western Sydney)	2009 Jun 25	
My role: Invited speaker & participant		
Towards an evolutionary ecology vegetation model (Macquarie University)	2008 Apr 7-11	
My role: Co-organised meeting with Mark Westoby		
Vegetation schemes in earth system models (ARC-NZ Research Network for Vegetation Function)	2005 Oct 10-13	
My role: Invited participant		
Third-generation models of carbon assimilation and water expenditure (ARC-NZ Research Network for Vegetation Function)	2005 Nov 1-4	
My role: Invited participant		
Vascular design: comparison of theory strands (ARC-NZ Research Network for Vegetation Function)	2005 Aug 25-29	
My role: Invited participant		
Teaching (courses)	Software carpentry bootcamp, University of Sydney	2016
	About: 2 day course intensive workshop teaching researchers basic programming skills	
	My role: I organised the event, wrote the content, and co-taught with J Madin, D Noble and 3 helpers	
	Introduction to remake package for reproducible research on R, University of NSW	2015
	About: 1.5hr tutorial introducing researchers to the remake package	
My role: I organised the event, wrote the content, and taught		
Software carpentry bootcamp, University of NSW	2014	
About: 2 day course intensive workshop teaching researchers basic programming skills		
My role: I organised the event, wrote the content, and co-taught with R FitzJohn, D Barneche and 4 helpers		
Software carpentry bootcamp, University of Technology Sydney	2014	
About: 2 day course intensive workshop teaching researchers basic programming skills		
My role: I organised the event, wrote the content, and co-taught with R FitzJohn, D Barneche and 4 helpers		

	Software carpentry bootcamp, Macquarie University	2013
	About: 2 day course intensive workshop teaching researchers basic programming skills	
	My role: I participated as 1 of 4 helpers, assisting Greg Wilson	
	Nice R code course, Macquarie University	2013
	About: Series 8 x 1.5 hr tutorials teaching researchers basic programming skills	
	My role: I organised the event, wrote the content, and co-taught with R FitzJohn	
	Self study reading course in plant ecology, Umeå University Sweden	2012
	About: Series of 8 reading topics, designed for PhD student with background in mathematics	
	My role: I organised the event, wrote the content, and taught	
	Modelling population dynamics: using first year math to model population growth rates, survival, and fitness, Macquarie University	2011
	About: 2 day course intensive workshop introducing researchers to mathematical models	
	My role: I organised the event, wrote the content, and taught	
Teaching (guest lectures)	Trait-based community assembly, Biol 347: Plants and Ecosystems, Macquarie University	2015
	From field plant ecology to computer modelling and big data, Unit 301069, Research Stories (UWS)	2015
	Biology in the age of data, Biol 391: Biological Sciences Capstone, Macquarie University	2014
	Modelling in Ecology & Evolution – 1hr Tutorial for ‘Advanced Biology’ students	2011
Conferences attended (2010-)	Sydney Bioinformatics Research Symposium	2016
	UseR, Standford USA	2016
	Ecological Society of Australia, Perth	2016
	Future of Work, Government house, Sydney	2015
	Knowledge Discovery Data Mining, Sydney	2015
	EUMacro, Copenhagen	2015
	Ecostats: Technological advances between Ecology and Statistics, UNSW	2015
	Ecological Society of Australia, Adelaide	2015
	Intecol, London	2013
	Ecological Society of Australia, Melbourne	2012
Professional development	Nature masterclass: writing for the Nature family of journals (1 day, Garvan Institute)	2015
	Software Carpentry instructors training course (Greg Wilson, 5 days, Software Carpentry Foundation)	2013
	Macquarie University HDR supervision (1 day)	2013
	Short postgraduate research courses: ‘Global carbon cycling’ (Colin Prentice, 1 day, Macquarie University)	2010
	Short postgraduate research courses: ‘Research proposals’ (Michael Gillings, 1 day, Macquarie University)	2010
	Responsible Service of Alcohol (1 day)	2010
	Short postgraduate research courses: ‘Transition from PhD to research career’ (Michelle Leishman, 1 day, Macquarie University)	2009
	Short postgraduate research courses: ‘Writing for journals and citation metrics’ (Michael Gillings, 1 day, Macquarie University)	2009
	‘Fresh Science: Media skills for scientists and others involved in science’ (1 week, EcoConnect Communication)	2008
	Australian postgraduate one-day course in current ecology and evolution (1 day, USyd)	2008
	Short postgraduate research courses: ‘Toughness, elasticity and breakage of biological materials’ (Josh Madin, 1 day, Macquarie University)	2008

	Short postgraduate research courses: ‘Constructing and working with models’ (Hanna Kokko, 1 day, Macquarie University)	2008
	Member Leichhardt Toastmasters club (3 yr)	2007
	Australian postgraduate one-day course in current ecology and evolution (UQ)	2005
	Australian postgraduate one-day course in current ecology and evolution (JCU)	2002
	Algorithms and Data Structures (2nd year computing science, 14 weeks, Macquarie University); placed 3/500	2002
	St Johns Remote First Aid	2002
	Australian postgraduate one-day course in current ecology and evolution (UoW)	2001
Service	Joint founder of Research Chapter Theory of Australian Ecosystems	2016-curr
	Jointly developed landing and orientation protocols for new ECRs in Biology (Macquarie University)	2015
	Host and organiser for visiting speakers (Prof David Christian; Dr Adam Roff; Dr Remko Duursma; Dr Jerome Chave)	2015
	Opponent for PhD defence of Dr Karin Olsson, at the Danish Technical University (fisheries department)	2015
	Member expert panel for review ‘Making the most of data resources’, being organised by the Ecosystem Science Council of Australia	2015
	Member of management committee for the data-sharing platform ‘coraltrait.org’	2014-curr
	Joint founder and member post-doctoral researcher committee (Macquarie University)	2014-2015
	Organised Q&A panel session on ‘How to land a faculty job’ for ECRs	2014
	Contributed to review of post-doctoral experiences within the Department of Biological Sciences	2014
	Chair of Genes-to-Geosciences-Fund committee (Macquarie University)	2012-curr
	Founder and leader of data-sharing platform ‘Biomass and Allometry Database for woody plants’.	2012-curr
	Member Quantitative Advice Committee, Biological Sciences (Macquarie University)	2011-curr
	Journal: Reviewer for Am Nat, Aust J Ecol, Beh Ecol, Ecology, Evolution, Fun Ecol, Global Ecol Bio, J Ecol, J Plant Phys, J Theor Biol, New Phyt, Oec, Oikos, PLOS One, Pers. Plant Ecol Evol Syst, Zoo Sci	2001-curr
	Grants: Reviewer for ARC (Aus), NERC (UK)	2001-curr
Member of	Royal Society of NSW, Australian Ecological Society, British Ecological Society, Software Carpentry, Data Science Sydney, Sydney Users of R Forum	