

## **Botany & Botanical Drawing (8 weeks)**

### **With Dr Tanya Scharaschkin**

This course will suit anyone interested in observational drawing and natural history illustration even if plants are not their preferred subject matter. Participants are not expected to have any prior drawing or botanical experience.

In this course, basic drawing techniques will be covered using plants as the subject matter. Participants will be guided through the process of observing and drawing plants accurately. Plants will be examined carefully and fundamental botanical terminology will be explained. By the end of the course, participants should feel comfortable drawing botanical subjects and have developed close observational skills.

#### *Materials list for participants*

- Sketch book, visual diary or sketch pad
- Pencils (2H, HB, 2B)
- Kneadable (putty) eraser
- Small transparent plastic ruler with clearly marked measurements
- Large clipboard or drawing board
- Stanley/craft knife, razor blade or scalpel
- Fine forceps or tweezers for holding and dissecting flowers
  - Reading glasses if you need to use them!
- Optional: Magnifying glass (or jewellers loop or hand lens), magnification x10 or more
  - Optional: A small cutting board for dissecting specimens
  - Optional: Dissecting kit with forceps, scalpel, dissecting needles
  - Optional: A pair of dividers (geometry set)