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Jungles and peer review papers

It has been a busy few months, trekking through jungles, eating breakfast with humming-birds and watching troops of monkeys jump from branch to branch. Argentina and Brazil are beautiful countries, and three weeks there on my honeymoon, was not enough time. Charles Darwin spend months travelling around inland South America on horseback, collecting specimens, studying the geology and staying with locals.

This year marks Darwin's 200th birthday, and 150th anniversary of the classic *On the Origin of Species*. Trekking through the Brazilian jungles and seeing so many amazing variety of animals and plants, you can immediately see Darwin's fascination with the natural world. It also made me want to know what other fantastic collectors and collections museums have. Papers about collectors and their collections from your museum would be great additions to *NatSCA News*!

Apologies for the lateness of Issue 16. Unfortunately, I did not have enough articles for this Issue of *NatSCA News* to be sent out in November.

However, this issue is a full packed one, with seminar write ups, papers on freezing, formalin and geoscience. This issue also contains the first paper to be peer reviewed. Kate Andrews paper on page 41, is about gap fills for geological specimens. We are aiming to peer review more papers for *NatSCA News*. At present, a peer reviewed paper will appear with the full reference beneath the article title.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to Issue 16. Look out for details of seminars throughout the issue.

Please continue to send me papers, about natural history conservation, seminars, education, projects, and your collectors and collections!

- Jan Freedman
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