

❧ Become a Victorian Botanist ❧

Botanists are people who study plants. When Victorian botanists travelling on the SS Great Britain arrived in Australia, they found plants that they had never seen before. With photography not yet being widely used to help them record what they found, botanists would often collect cuttings of the plants or draw and label them in sketchbooks so they could share their findings with others in the scientific community.



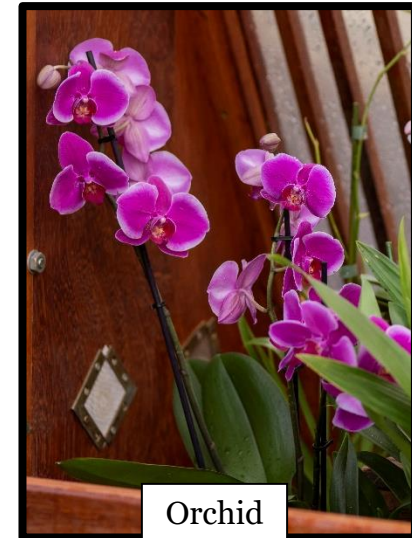
Become a botanist and sketch a plant on the next page. You can choose a fern or orchid that you might have seen in Australia, or you can pick another plant. Don't forget to label the key parts of the plant, including leaves, flowers, stem, branches, petals etc. to help others identify your plant!



These are like the plants taken on the *SS Great Britain* in the 1860s & 1870s!



Australian Tree Fern



Orchid

