

# OUT OF AFRICA

**“Ex Africa semper aliquid noui”**

**[“There is always something novel coming out of Africa”]**

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Albuquerque



Karel Du Toit at Strandfontein, 09-08-2023

African plants have had a significant impact on Denver Botanic Gardens and regional horticulture. Travel to Africa by over a dozen DBG staff have brought back a wealth of knowledge and germplasm—some of it new to science—that have provided some of the most popular and successful perennials and groundcovers in our region, such as the many hardy ice plants, African daisies in several genera, *Kniphofia*, *Helichrysum* and much more. They could be argued to have truly helped launch the Plant Select program (which continues to introduce new ones). DBG staff maintain research South Africa, working with Katse Botanic Garden in Lesotho under the auspices of that country.

Three of the leading authorities on South African plants are joining for the first South African symposium of its kind in our region: "Out of Africa" will be out of this world! Be there!



**Adam Harrower**

In addition to his extensive fieldwork throughout South Africa resulting in the discovery of many taxa new to science, he has rediscovered many long lost species, and documented these not only with scientific specimens, but by professional quality photography, best seen in the gorgeous coffee table book **Kirstenbosch: The Most Beautiful Garden in Africa**, coauthored with Brian Huntley and published in 2012.

**"Living on the Edge - A New Vertical Crevice Garden at Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens"**  
Adam Harrower is Senior Botanical Horticulturist; curates the conservatory and xerophytic plant collections at Kirstenbosch National Botanical Gardens. Prior to taking on his current challenging job, he was Arborist who oversaw the unique

and extensive Kirstenbosch tree collections, and truth be said, his knowledge of herbaceous, shrubby—all plants of South Africa really—is second to none.





**Karel Du Toit**

Those who have traveled with Karel are impressed not only with his extraordinary knowledge of plants, people and places, but by his sensitivity to those he guides. His good humor, sense of fun and attention to detail are second to none. His passion for South Africa is infectious!

He will conduct his first visit to North America this March, headlining a star studded Study Weekend for the North American Rock Garden Society on the East Bay of California, and then a half day symposium at Denver Botanic Gardens sponsored by the Rocky Mountain Chapter of the North American Rock Garden Society and chapters of the Cactus and Succulent Society of America.