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Kids' Kew

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You can feel a bit nerdish walking around popular places of interest with a guide book in your hand. Luckily kids aren't burdened with such self-awareness – especially if the contents offer up gems such as what plants dinosaurs ate, which plants eat insects and which trees have to be kept behind bars to protect themselves. This is what you discover in a new children's guide to the Royal Botanic Gardens, *Kids' Kew*. It allows young explorers aged 7-11 to plan their adventure around Kew all by themselves. It's bright and busy, packed full of photographs, illustrations, a fold out map and information. With it kids can explore the jungle of the Palm House, travel back three-and-a-half billion years in the Evolution House and squirm at the carnivorous plants of the Princess of Wales Conservatory. *Kids' Kew* also carries an important conservation message. It teaches children about projects that help save plants in the wild – from working with local people to plant trees in South America, to collecting seeds and returning plants to their habitats. Here's a way of being seen to be green.