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Forests are one of our most precious natural resources, providing habitat and sustenance for a myriad of organisms that interact with one another, and with abiotic factors, in complex and fascinating ways.

In this symposium, we will explore plant interactions in forest environments at all levels from micro- to macro-scales and across the whole spectrum of plant biology.

Deadline for abstracts and travel grant applications: 20 May 2026

Places are limited. Register early to secure your place. Full details at: newphytologist.org/events/48-nps

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Invited speakers

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