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Archaeophytes are difficult to define (Chapter 2).

The Andes is shaping morphological trait divergence in *Acacia caven* (Chapter 3).

Climatic niche models are useful tools for tracing back source-areas of introduced taxa
(Chapter 4).

***Vachellia caven* has even bigger potential than thought in restoration ecology projects**
(Chapter 5).

Ecology and evolution are inevitably built around a time axis.

The scientific method is a suggestion rather than a dogma.

Science seeks meaning rather than *truth*

In the knowledge crusades, if scientists have become swordsmen, statisticians are the shield bearers.

Poetry and cooking have more things in common with science than science itself.