Meredith, Louisa Anne, 1812-1895.  
*Bush friends in Tasmania: native flowers, fruits and insects, drawn from nature, with prose descriptions and illustrations in verse.*  
London: Macmillan, 1891.  
Vi, 76p., [23 leaves] leaves of plates; 38 cm

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**About**

Born in Birmingham, England, in 1812, Louisa Anne Twamley was educated mostly by her mother. In April 1839 she married her cousin, Charles Meredith, and two months later they sailed for New South Wales. They settled at Homebush for a year before relocating to Tasmania in 1840. Louisa compiled and illustrated several books on colonial life and society, native flora and fauna and many illustrated books of poetry. *Bush Friends in Tasmania* (1891) is her sequel to *Some of my bush friends in Tasmania*, (1860). Louisa also authored two novels, *Phoebe’s mother* (1869) and *Nellie; or, seeking goodly pearls* (1882). She had an active interest in politics and animal welfare and influenced her husband, a member of the Tasmanian Legislative Council during the 1850s, to legislate for preservation of native wildlife and scenery.

The Library holds two copies of *Bush Friends in Tasmania* – numbers 59 and 664 of a limited edition of 700 copies signed by the author.
**Original condition**

Green cloth binding with gilt decoration to front cover and blind stamping to front and rear boards. Leaves originally attached to spine with Gutta-percha/caoutchouc had become brittle and loose due to hardening of the glue. Neither of the Library’s copies could be displayed as a result. Both volumes required resewing.
Restoration by Anthony Zammit

All leaves, originally attached to spine with Gutta-percha/caoutchouc, were separated and glue residue was removed. Leaves were then sewn in, creating a sturdy textblock. Tears to individual pagers were mended with Japanese paper and front and rear boards were reattached and also reinforced with Japanese repair paper.