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Cover illustration: *Xerophyta viscosa* (Family Velloziaceae) a desiccation tolerant plant from southern Africa (see Gaff and Oliver pp. 315–328). Air-dry plants (left) rehydrate within 24 h of >10 mm of rain; a further 24 h is usually sufficient for leaves to resynthesise chlorophyll. Plants may flower within 1 week of rehydration and regreening (right). Photograph by Bruce Fuhrer.