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We've used as the basis for the book two
of the central findings of the book itself,
namely that the ecosystems across the whole
of the North are inextricably intertwined
and that their conditions vary greatly from
season to season and from year to year.

To convey this we've chosen six representative
centres – Broome, Kununurra, Darwin,
Katherine, Normanton and Weipa – which cover
all of Northern Australia west to east and which
vary north to south and between the coast and
inland. The dots at the bottom of each page
represent these six centres. The dots change
colour and number according to the land and
weather conditions at each centre across the
course of a chosen year, giving a subtle indication
of the inter-related weather patterns across the
whole of the North and the variability of the
conditions. The colours of headings, captions
and pull-out boxes change per chapter as the
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with the dots at the bottom of the page.

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