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On the Cover: Roots have the challenging task of sourcing nutrients from the environment to fulfill the needs of a developing plant. This occurs in an environment where the supply of nutrients is both spatially and temporally variable. The root system responds to conditions of nutrient deficiency at both physiological and morphological levels. In this issue, Gruber et al. (pp. 161–179) have characterised the response of the root system architecture to 12 different nutrient deficiencies. The authors found a diverse response of plant roots to the deficiency of single nutrients, with individual root traits behaving differently. Nutrient-dependent changes in root system architecture were then visualised and quantified using novel root plasticity charts, an example of which is shown in the background of the cover image. Such plasticity charts allow the degree of root plasticity from all measured root traits to be compared across the nutrient deficiencies. Cover design and images: Ricardo F.H. Giehl and Benjamin D. Gruber.

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