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Knowing the course

Sometimes you just have to admire the philosophy of alternative uses for things. The CSIRO has taken a simple golf buggy and turned it into . . . the world's smartest golf buggy. Developed by the High Resolution Plant Phenomics Centre, the mighty automotive critter can be driven through fields to measure the specific characteristics of all the plants it runs across, its instruments measuring the type and characteristics of each. Why? So the white-coated lads and lasses at the centre can gain information about each plant's appearance, function and performance by recording plant temperature, volume and ground cover. That and the fact it looks really, really cool out on the fairways.



RIDING HIGH: CSIRO staffers Scott Berry and Scott Kwasny aboard the plant-friendly Phenomobile.