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My name is Yvonne, I was born on July 24, 1975, in Campinas (Brazil). I am one of four kids of Dutch parents and grew up in a small Dutch colony in Brazil, where my father has a flower farm. I got my first job in a plant tissue culture lab even before I started the Biology undergrad course. I did an internship in plant taxonomy and I started to enjoy fieldwork. Then I was invited to collaborate with the Program BIOTA/FAPESP Functional Gradient (<http://www.biota.org.br>) in settling and maintaining permanent plots in the Atlantic Forest of Serra do Mar State Park in São Paulo. Meanwhile, I got a Master's degree.

Currently, I am member and contributor of the ECOFOR Project (Biodiversity and Ecosystem Functioning in Degraded and Recovering Amazonian and Atlantic Forest - <http://ecofor.nerc-hmtf.info/>) as a Ph.D. student in Ecology at UNICAMP. My project is named "Influence of vascular epiphytic community in the dynamics of nitrogen and phosphorus in Atlantic Forest". This research aims to quantify and analyze the vascular epiphytic community in areas with different degrees of human disturbance, as well as the influence of environmental change on epiphytic communities and the importance of their reintroduction into altered forest remnants in order to restore ecosystem functioning.

Besides work, I practice adventure racing and craft brewing to keep mental sanity.