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BORN: 16
AUGUST 1982

NATIONALITY:
USA

CIVIL STATUS:
Married

- EDUCATION -

B.Sc. in Biology and History | Grove City College | Grove City,
Pennsylvania, USA |

August 2000 – May 2004

- LANGUAGE SKILLS -

English – excellent

French – good

Spanish – moderate

Portuguese – basic

Malagasy – basic

Thai – basic

Indonesian – basic

- SKILLS -

Wildlife Survey Techniques, Worldwide Wildlife Field Identification by Sight and Sound, Writing and Editing, Databases, Project Coordination and Leadership, Global Travel, Working Alone in Underdeveloped Countries and Remote Areas.

- SPECIFIC EXPERIENCES IN VARIOUS COUNTRIES -

United States and Canada | **1994-date**

Mexico | **2001-2004**

Ecuador, Bolivia, Venezuela | **2005-2016**

Madagascar | **2009-date**

South Africa, Botswana, Namibia | **2008-date**

Tanzania and Kenya | **2010-date**

Ghana | **2010-2014**

Ethiopia | **2008-2017**

India | **2011-date**

Thailand | **2012-date**

Indonesia | **2016-date**

- KEY QUALIFICATIONS -

I am trained in biology, with extensive field experience across the globe, on six continents, and in over 40 countries. My core expertise is with wildlife habitats and the field identification of birds, and large mammals, though I also have experience with insects, reptiles, amphibians, and botany, and am comfortable working with most aspects of ecology. My experience spans the worlds of science and ecotourism. I'm accustomed to dealing with local communities in a variety of languages.

- PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE RECORD -

Ecotourism Consultant | Promised Land Ventures | **May 2020 – date**

- Created a website for Birding Angola.
- Promoted Angola as an ecotourism destination via various online platforms.

Natural History, Birding, and Photography Guide

Tropical Birding | **2007 – date**

- Field experience with ecology, focusing on finding and identifying birds, mammals, reptiles, and amphibians, in more than 40 countries, on six continents.
- Extensive experience in all aspects of ecotourism, from bookings to marketing to guiding clients.

General Biological Activities | **1994 – date**

- Birding, ecological observations, photography, and guiding across the globe.
- Volunteer work including AZIMUT Diego-Suarez, Wisconsin and Manitoba Breeding Bird Atlases, Pledge to Fledge, Christmas Bird Counts, and reporting to Pennsylvania Birds and eBird. Five years of intense local bird surveys, 30-page research paper on results.
- President of Grove City College Ornithology Club.

Monitoring Coordinator | Rocky Mountain Bird Observatory | **2007**

- Oversaw breeding bird survey and inventory of Pinyon Canyon Maneuver Site.
- Avian point-count and transect surveys of national grasslands in North and South Dakota.

Migration Counter | Cape May Bird Observatory | **Fall 2005 & 2006**

- Official Hawk Watch and Seawatch Counter. Tallying migrating birds in one of the country's most-visited birding locations, requiring a word-class level of bird identification skills.

Program Coordinator | Rocky Mountain Bird Observatory | **2005–2006**

- Oversaw Wyoming statewide and Black Hills National Forest bird monitoring program. Managing the field crew and interacting with the government agencies that fund the program. Other aspects of this position were database management, survey site selection, GIS mapping, and field work.
- Planned and completed avian inventory of Rock Creek Conservation Area, Wyoming.

Raptor Survey Technician | Pronatura Veracruz | **Fall 2004**

- Counted the largest raptor migration in the western hemisphere.

Survey Technician | Rocky Mountain Bird Observatory | **2002–2004**

- Avian and vegetation surveys in New Mexico, Wyoming, and Colorado. Key role played in establishing a New Mexico monitoring program.
- Avian point count transects throughout Colorado.
- Black Swift surveys, involving scouting, backpacking, and inventorying populations discovered.

Survey Technician | Pennsylvania Game Commission | **2001**

- Surveys of reclaimed strip mine habitat, conducting distance-sampling transects for grassland birds.
- Field assessment of Bald Eagle nests across Pennsylvania.

Small Landscaping Business | Self-Employed | **1995–2000**

- Work at private homes as well as in a commercial setting. Lawn care and major landscaping projects.

- P U B L I C A T I O N S -

- ✧ Co-authored forthcoming Wildlife Habitats of the World. Princeton University Press. 2021.
- ✧ Co-authored forthcoming Birds of Madagascar: a Photographic Guide. Princeton University Press. 2021.
- ✧ Co-authored Birds of Kruger National Park. Princeton University Press. 2017.
- ✧ Co-authored Wildlife of Madagascar. Princeton University Press. 2016.
- ✧ Co-authored Wild Rwanda: Where to Watch Birds, Primates, and Other Wildlife. Lynx Edicions. 2015.
- ✧ Co-authored Peterson Reference Guide to Seawatching: Eastern Waterbirds in Flight. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt. 2013.
- ✧ Co-authored Birding Ethiopia. Lynx Edicions. 2010.
- ✧ Many dozens of reports on survey work and ecological travel.
- ✧ Authored 100s of species accounts for Merlin app, by Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology.