

ABRIDGED CURRICULUM VITAE

Prof Ben-Erik Van Wyk
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1. Biographical Sketch

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Academic Qualification: PhD (University of Cape Town)
NRF Rating: B1
H-index (Scopus): 33
Field(s) of Research: taxonomy, ethnobotany, medicinal plants

2. Teaching Activities

Courses Presented:

- i. Postgraduate supervision only

Postgraduate Student Training:

Completed MSc degrees – 26
Completed PhD degrees – 16
MSc degrees in progress – 6
PhD degrees in progress – 9

External examination:

Rhodes, Wits, Nelson Mandela, UWC

3. Research Activities

Awards:

- i. SAAB Gold Medal from the South African Association of Botanists (2015)
- ii. UJ Faculty of Science - Top Researcher of the Year (2009, 2011, 2014)
- iii. UJ Vice-Chancellor's Award for Research Excellence (2009)
- iv. Havenga Prize for Biology (2009)

Editorial responsibilities:

- i. South African Journal of Botany (Elsevier)
- ii. Phytotaxa
- iii. Diversity

Consultancies:

- i. Regular interactions with natural products industries

Community Engagements

- i. Ethnobotanical research in ca. 25 communities

Research Grants:

- i. DST-NRF South African Research Chair in Indigenous Plant Use (2013-2022) – R 2.5 m p.a.

Professional Memberships and Societies:

- i. South African Association of Botanists
- ii. Society for Economic Botany

Selected Publications:

- i. Ruiters, A., **Van Wyk, B.-E.** 2019. Spatial patterns, availability and cultural preferences of edible plants in southern African. *Journal of Biogeography* (in press) [IF: 3.884]
- ii. **Van Wyk, B.-E.**, 2019. A family-level floristic inventory and analysis of medicinal plants used in Traditional African Medicine. *Journal of Ethnopharmacology* (in press) [IF: 3.414]
- iii. Visser, N., Le Roux, M.M., **Van Wyk, B.-E.** 2019. *Thesium ovatifolium* (Thesiaceae), a new species with ovate leaves from KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa. *Phytotaxa* 405: 263-268 [IF (2017): 1.185]
- iv. Stander, M.A., Redelinghuys, H., Masike, K., Long, H., **Van Wyk, B.-E.** 2019. Patterns of variation and chemosystematic significance of phenolic compounds in the genus *Cyclopia* (Honeybush tea) (Fabaceae, Podalyriaceae). *Molecules* 24: 2352 [IF: 3.018]
- v. **Van Wyk, B.-E.** 2019. The diversity and multiple uses of southern African legumes. *Australian Systematic Botany* (Special Edition – Advances in Legume Systematics 13) 32: 519-546. [IF: 0.18]
- vi. Sobiyi, O.K., Sadgrove, N.J., Magee, A.R., **Van Wyk, B.-E.**, 2019. The ethnobotany and major essential oil compounds of anise root (*Annesorhiza* species, Apiaceae). *South African Journal of Botany* 126: 309-316. [IF: 1.504]
- vii. Hulley, I.M., Sadgrove, N.J., Tilney, P.M., **Van Wyk, B.-E.** 2019. The ethnobotany, leaf anatomy and major essential oil compounds of *Leysera gnaphalodes* (Asteraceae), a poorly known aromatic herbal tea endemic to southern Africa. *South African Journal of Botany* 127: 12-18 [IF: 1.504]
- viii. Hulley, I.M., Özek, G., Sadgrove, N.J., Tilney, P.M., Özek, T., Başer, K.H.C., **Van Wyk, B.-E.** 2019. Essential oil composition of a medicinally important Cape species: *Pentzia punctata* (Asteraceae). *South African Journal of Botany* 127: 208-212 [IF: 1.504]
- ix. Hulley, I.M., Van Vuuren, S.F., Sadgrove, N.J., **Van Wyk, B.-E.** 2019. Traditional uses of *Elytropappus rhinocerotis* (Asteraceae) against foot odour and other skin diseases. *Journal of Ethnopharmacology* 228: 92-98 [IF: 3.115]
- x. Edwards, T., Howieson, J., Nutt, B., Yates, R., O'Hara, G., **Van Wyk, B.-E.** 2019. A ley-farming system for marginal lands based upon a self regenerating perennial pasture legume. *Agronomy for Sustainable Development* 39: 13 [IF: 4.503]
- xi. Stander, M.A., Brendler, T., Redelinghuys, H., **Van Wyk, B.-E.** 2019. The commercial history of Cape herbal teas and an analysis of phenolic compounds in historic teas from a depository of 1933. *Journal of Food Composition and Analysis* 76: 66-73 [IF: 2.956]
- xii. Magwede, K., **Van Wyk, B.-E.**, Van Wyk, A.E., 2019. An inventory of Vhavenda useful plants. *South African Journal of Botany* 122: 57-89 (Special Issue: Sub-Saharan Ethnobotany) [IF: 1.504]
- xiii. Mogale, M.M.P., Raimondo, D., **Van Wyk, B.-E.** 2019. An ethnobotanical survey of Central Sekhukhuneland, South Africa. *South African Journal of Botany* 122: 90-119 (Special Issue: Sub-Saharan Ethnobotany) [IF: 1.504]
- xiv. Nortje, J., **Van Wyk, B.-E.** 2019. A checklist and analysis of the useful plant of Namaqualand. *South African Journal of Botany* 122: 120-135 (Special Issue: Sub-Saharan Ethnobotany) [IF: 1.504]

- xv. Welcome, A., **Van Wyk, B.-E. 2019.** An inventory and analysis of the food plants of southern Africa. *South African Journal of Botany* 122: 136-179 (Special Issue: Sub-Saharan Ethnobotany) [IF: 1.504]
- xvi. Hulley, I.M., **Van Wyk, B.-E. 2019.** An ethnobotanical survey of *Kannaland* (western Little Karoo), South Africa. *South African Journal of Botany* 122: 225-265 (Special Issue: Sub-Saharan Ethnobotany) [IF: 1.504]
- xvii. Mhlongo, L.S., **Van Wyk, B.-E. 2019.** An inventory of useful plants of the Amandawe area, KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa. *South African Journal of Botany* 122: 266-290 (Special Issue: Sub-Saharan Ethnobotany) [IF: 1.504]
- xviii. Khumalo, G.P., Van Vuuren, S.F., Sadgrove, N.J., **Van-Wyk, B.-E. 2019.** Antimicrobial lupenol triterpenes and a polyphenol from *Elaeodendron transvaalense*, a popular southern African medicinal bark. *South African Journal of Botany* 122: 518-534 (Special Issue: Sub-Saharan Ethnobotany) [IF: 1.504]
- xix. Magwede, K., Ramovha, L.I., Mabogo, D.E.N., Van Wyk, A.E., **Van Wyk, B.-E. 2019.** Traditional uses of *vhulivhadza*, the bark hairs of *mulivhadza* (*Lannea schweinfurthii*). *South African Journal of Botany* 122: 529-534 (Special Issue: Sub-Saharan Ethnobotany) [IF: 1.504]
- xx. Khumalo, G.P., Sadgrove, N.J., Van Vuuren, S.F., **Van-Wyk, B.-E. 2019.** Antimicrobial activity of volatiles and isolated compounds from bark of *Warburgia salutaris* (Canellaceae) against skin and respiratory pathogens. *South African Journal of Botany* 122: 547-550 (Special Issue: Sub-Saharan Ethnobotany) [IF: 1.504]