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I became interested in the natural world as a very young child. I took a degree in Wildlife Biology at the University of Guelph. After a few years working for the University after graduation, I took a position with the Government of Canada in Ottawa. There, I worked mostly as a biologist and for most of my career as a botanist. I worked with seeds for about 25 years and finished up working with invasive plant species toward the end of my career.

I am interested in almost any animal, plant, rock or whatever I can find in nature. I have been a birder for over 50 years but am often distracted by a plant or an insect.

I am a past president of both the Ottawa Field Naturalists and the Mississippi Valley Field Naturalists and continue to be involved in both organizations, especially the MVFN.

For the past 10 years, I have lived in Mississippi Mills on the Canadian Shield, which I think of as my natural environment.