

Jud Van Wyk

Hi, I'm Judson Van Wyk, but I go by Jud. I grew up in lower Michigan and enjoyed playing in forests and swamps, much like I do now. I went to Michigan State University for my undergraduate degree where I studied Environmental Microbiology. I have always been interested in organismal diversity, biochemistry, and ecology. I eventually found my way into Greg Bonito's lab where I found mycology to be fun way to explore my interests and questions. In 2020 I started my PhD in the Bonito lab where I have been focused on studying the ecologies, phylogenetics, microbiomes, and genomics of the Pezizales. I find all fungi interesting, but you can find me looking for small ascocarps (face pressed to a rotting log) and truffles of all kinds.