

# Rüveyda Zehra Ögütverici

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## EDUCATION

**M.Sc., Hacettepe University, Ankara, Türkiye**

2025 - present

Master of Science (M.Sc.) in Biology (Ecology)

**Advisor:** Prof. Dr. Çağatay Tavşanoğlu

**B.Sc., Hacettepe University, Ankara, Türkiye**

2017–2025

Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.) in Biology, GPA: 3.30/4.00

Spring 2022 semester: Department of Environmental Sciences at Politechniki Częstochowska • Erasmus+ Project

## INTERNSHIPS EXPERIENCE

**METU Institute of Marine Sciences, Mersin, Türkiye**

07/2025 – 08/2025

*Internship*

- I completed a three-week internship in the Aquatic Ecology Laboratory of Assoc. Prof. Dr. Korhan Özkan, where I participated in ongoing mesocosm experiments.

**Yolda Initiative, Ankara, Türkiye**

06/2021 – 08/2021

*Internship*

- I did an internship for 3 months at Yolda Initiative, a nature association.

**Intergen Genetics and Rare Diseases Diagnosis Research & Application Center, Ankara, Türkiye**

06/2018 - 07/2018

*Internship*

- I worked in the cytogenetics lab in INTERGEN.

**Functional Ecology Lab, Hacettepe University, Ankara, Türkiye**

2018 - 2024

*Laboratory Volunteer Student - Advisor: Prof. Dr. Çağatay Tavşanoğlu*

- 2018 - 2019: I worked as a volunteer student on the *Nomadic Pastoralism Effect on Seed Dispersal* project, in collaboration with Yolda Initiative.
- 09/2019 - 10/2019: I worked on a project identifying conservation importance of maquis habitats and developing new approaches on integrating maquis vegetation to forest management plans in Turkey. I helped the PhD student's research.
- 04/2021 - 08/2021: I worked on a project on the change in the functional trait structure of plant communities along an elevational gradient in southwestern Anatolia. I actively participated in all field studies throughout the project. I took part in measuring plant functional traits.
- 2018 - 2024: I worked as an undergraduate student in the Functional Ecology Lab (FEL) at Hacettepe University under the supervision of Prof. Dr. Çağatay Tavşanoğlu.

## SCIENTIFIC PRESENTATIONS

**Ecology and Evolutionary Biology Symposium - Ankara, Türkiye**

09/07/2025

- Poster presentation on “Wisdom from Ashes: Exploring Traditional Fire Knowledge and Use in Anatolia” at 11th Ecology and Evolutionary Biology Symposium (EEBST 2025).

## MEMBERSHIPS

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- **2019/2020:** Board Member of Evolutionary Biology and Medicine Student Society of Hacettepe University

## SKILLS

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**Computer software/ programming languages:** Microsoft office, R

**Languages:** Turkish (Native), English (Upper-Intermediate, B2 - CEFR)