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Martin Smit was born in Rustenburg, North-West Province, South Africa in 1983. He was brought up in a house with parents who were keen plant collectors and gardeners and soon developed interests of his own including bonsai and the cultivation of indigenous trees. After matriculating in 2001 at Rustenburg Technical High School, he obtained the degrees B.Sc (Botany and Biochemistry, *cum laude*) (2004) and M. Envir. Sci. (Ecological Remediation and Sustainable Utilisation, *cum laude*) (2006) at the North-West University, Potchefstroom Campus. In 2007 he was appointed as the curator of the NWU Botanical Garden from where he is still actively involved in research.

