Jakub Jilemicky graduated in International Territorial Studies, majoring in tourism. His Diploma work was about specifics of South African tourism which led to his interest in the study of Haworthia, Gasteria, Astroloba and Conophytum, in which field he has been involved for more than 25 years.

Jakub spent more than 2 years in field expeditions in South Africa in total and visits the country regularly. He has travelled other southern African countries - Namibia, Botswana, Zambia and Zimbabwe, mostly as a tourist guide. He has a well known web site - www.haworthia-gasteria.com, which is dedicated to the genera Haworthia, Astroloba and Gasteria.

As a speaker, Jakub has held talks in the UK for BCSS and Haworthia Society, in China for Chinese Cactus and Succulent Society and in many other EU countries. His field photographs were used in several publications and journals (for example Robin Frandsen's Succulents of Southern Africa), currently supplying photos for Ernst van Jaarsveld's new Gasteria book.

Jakub has built up one of the largest Haworthia collection of plants with locality data, with more than 2500 species and localities.



The Best from Haworthias in the Eastern Cape.

This topic is divided into 2 talks. I will bring you on a journey from Baviaanskloof in the West up to Umtata in the East, showing the richness of succulents growing there. And because I like Haworthias, you will see most of them!!! But no worries, a lot of photos of other plants from different genera are included.



Haworthia cooperi v. venusta

Haworthiopsis bruynsii



Namaqualand and Richtersveld.

The best from my 5 journeys to this beautiful and wild part of Africa



