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BSc, MSc, PhD

## Curriculum Vitae

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## Education

- July 2008 – September 2014 **B.Sc. Biology**  
University of Caldas (Colombia)
- August 2015 – August 2017 **MSc. Conservation and Use of Biodiversity**  
Pontifical Javeriana University (Colombia)
- August 2018 – August 2023 **Ph.D. Biological Sciences**  
National University of Tucumán (Argentina)

## Current position

**May 2024 - present.** Postdoctoral researcher with double affiliation: Department of Ecology, Zoology and Genetics, Institute of Biology, Universidade Federal de Pelotas; Department of Zoology & Physiology, University of Wyoming. *Projects:* Army Ant Followers Project, and Hawaii-VINE. Project

## Past positions

- **Jul. 2023 - Apr. 2024.** Postdoctoral researcher at the Institute of Regional Ecology, UNT-CONICET. **Project:** Control systems for pollination service management in blueberry crops.

## Research interests

Currently, I am interested in using quantitative methods and field experiments to study how spatial and temporal patterns affect biodiversity, species interactions and the consequences for ecosystem processes.

- Functional diversity and ecosystem services.
- Community ecology.
- Species interactions.
- Pollinators and mammal ecology.
- Ecological modeling, statistical programming and data science.

## Technical skills

- Experimental design and data collection.
- Data analysis: frequentist and Bayesian statistics (lm, glm, glmm, hierarchical models), structural equation modeling, network analysis, fuzzy logic and simulation studies.
- Statistical programming: R (advanced), Python (basic) and Stan (basic).
- Spatial analysis tools: Google Earth Engine (basic) and ArcGis (basic).
- Other tools: Git, RMarkdown and Quarto.

## Publication, theses and oral presentations

### Published articles

- **Ramírez-Mejía A. F.**, Chacoff N., Cavigliasso P., Blendinger P. (2024). How much is enough? Optimizing beehive stocking densities to maximize the production of a pollinator-dependent crop. **Ecological modelling** (Accepted).
- Monasterologo, M, **Ramírez-Mejía A. F.**, et al. (2024). Animal pollination contributes to more than half of Citrus spp. production despite the species and cultivar. *Scientific reports* (Accepted).
- Fontanarrosa G., Zarbá L., ... **Ramírez-Mejía A F** ... Piquer-Rodríguez M. (2024). Over twenty years of publications in Ecology: Over-contribution of Women reveals a new dimension of gender bias. *PLOS ONE*. <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0307813>
- **Ramírez-Mejía A F**, Chacoff N, Lomáscolo S, Woodcock B, Schmucki R & Blendinger P. (2024). Optimal pollination thresholds to maximize blueberry production. *Agriculture Ecosystems and Environment* <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.agee.2024.108903>
- **Ramírez-Mejía A F**, Blendinger P, Woodcock B, Schmucki R, Escobar L, Morton R, Vieli L, Nunes-Silva P, Lomáscolo S, Morales C, Murúa M, Agostini K, & Chacoff N. 2023. *Landscape structure and farming management interacts to*

modulate pollination supply and crop production in blueberries. *Journal of Applied Ecology*. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1111/1365-2664.14553>

- Nunes-Silva Patrícia, **Ramírez-Mejía Andrés F.**, Blochtein B, Ramos J, Agostini K, Vieli L, Santanna M, Raguse-Quadros M, Maureen M., Chacoff N P, Cavigliasso P, Blendinger P G., Domingos S. (2023). *Blueberry: pollination and production in South America*. ISBN: 978-65-00-65347-2. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.7770381>.
- **Ramírez-Mejía A F**, Lomáscolo S & Blendinger P. (2023) *Hummingbirds, honeybees, and wild insect pollinators affect yield and berry quality of blueberries depending on cultivar and farm's spatial context*. *Agriculture Ecosystems and Environment*. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.agee.2022.108229>
- Blendinger P G, Rojas T N, **Ramírez-Mejía A F**, Bender I M A, Lomáscolo S, Magro J, Núñez Montellano M G, Ruggera R A, Valoy M & Ordano M. (2022) *Nutrient balance and energy-acquisition effectiveness: do birds adjust their fruit diet to achieve intake targets?* *Functional Ecology*. DOI: [doi.org/10.1111/1365-2435.14164](https://doi.org/10.1111/1365-2435.14164)
- **Ramírez-Mejía A F**, Urbina-Cardona N, & Sánchez F. (2022). *The interplay of spatial scale and landscape transformation moderates the abundance and intraspecific variation in the ecomorphological traits of a phyllostomid bat*. *Journal of Tropical Ecology*. 38(1), 31-38. DOI: [doi:10.1017/S026646742100047X](https://doi.org/10.1017/S026646742100047X)
- **Ramírez-Mejía A F**, Echeverry-Galvis M A, & Sánchez F. (2021). *Activity and habitat use by understory birds in a native Andean forest and a eucalypt plantation*. *Wilson Journal of Ornithology*. 132(3): 721-729. DOI: [doi.org/10.1676/19-54](https://doi.org/10.1676/19-54)
- **Ramírez-Mejía A F**, Urbina-Cardona N, & Sánchez F. (2020) *Functional diversity of phyllostomid bats in an urban-rural landscape: a scale-dependent analysis*. *Biotropica*. 52(6): 1168-1182. DOI: [doi.org/10.1111/btp.12816](https://doi.org/10.1111/btp.12816).
- **Ramírez-Mejía A F**, & Sánchez F. (2016). *Activity patterns and habitat use of mammals in an Andean forest and a Eucalyptus reforestation in Colombia*. *Hystrix, the Italian Journal of Mammalogy*, 27(2): 104-110. DOI: [doi.org/10.4404/hystrix-27.2-11319](https://doi.org/10.4404/hystrix-27.2-11319).
- **Ramírez-Mejía A F**, & Sánchez F. (2015). *Non-volant mammals in a protected area on the Central Andes of Colombia: new records for the Caldas department and the Chinchiná River basin*. *Check List*, 11(2):1-6, Article 1582. DOI: [dx.doi.org/10.15560/11.2.1582](https://doi.org/10.15560/11.2.1582).

#### Under review

#### Articles in preparation

- **Ramírez-Mejía A. F.**, Mary De Aquino, Jeferson Vizentin-Bugoni, J. Patrick Kelley, Corey E. Tarwater, Henry S. Pollock, Juliana Wolter. *Structure of army-ant-following birds interaction networks is modulated by cumulative rainfall and ant swarm at different temporal scales*.
- Ladino, N., **Ramírez-Mejía A. F.**, et al. *Morphometrics as a tool for understanding morphological variation and supporting taxonomic decisions in *Prionopelta* Mayr 1866 (Formicidae: Amblyoponinae)*.
- Ladino, N., **Ramírez-Mejía A. F.**, et al. *Optimizing measurement effort in taxonomic studies on Formicidae*.

#### Code and online datasets

- **Ramírez-Mejía, Andrés F.** (2023). *Landscape structure and farming management interacts to modulate pollination supply and crop production in blueberries* [code]. *Journal of Applied Ecology*. Zenodo. <https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.10070657>
- **Ramírez-Mejía, Andrés F.** et al. (2023). *Landscape structure and farming management interacts to modulate pollination supply and crop production in blueberries* [Dataset]. *Journal of Applied Ecology*. Dryad. <https://doi.org/10.5061/dryad.bg79cnp>
- **Ramírez-Mejía, A F.**; Urbina-Cardona, J N; Sánchez, F (2020). *Data from: Functional diversity of phyllostomid bats in an urban-rural landscape: a scale-dependent analysis* [Dataset]. *Biotropica*. Dryad. <https://doi.org/10.5061/dryad.sn02v6x1p>

#### Theses

**PhD.** 2018 - 2023. *The step-by-step of pollination service in blueberry crops: patterns and mechanisms*. Thesis advisors: Pedro G. Blendinger, PhD; independent research CONICET, assistant professor UNT. Silvia Lomáscolo, PhD; assistant researcher CONICET.

**MSc.** 2015 - 2017. *Seed dispersion and functional diversity of phyllostomid bats in an anthropogenic landscape: a multi-scale approach*. Thesis advisors: Francisco Sánchez, PhD; Universidad de los Llanos, Colombia. J. Nicolás Urbina-Cardona, PhD; Pontificia Universidad Javeriana, Colombia.

**BSc.** 2008 - 2014. *Activity patterns, habitat use, and mammals richness in native and reforested forests at the Colombian Andes*. Thesis advisor: Francisco Sánchez, PhD; Universidad Militar Nueva Granada, Cundinamarca, Colombia.

#### Oral Presentations

**2021.** *Blueberry pollination at the NOA, are wild species important?*. Tucumán, Argentina.

**2014.** *Activity and habitat use of soil forage mammals in an Andean forest and a Eucalyptus reforestation*. II Symposium of small carnivores. IV Colombian congress of zoology. Cartagena, Colombia.

**2014.** *Species richness, use and traditional knowledge of mammals in the National Natural Park Los Nevados*. III Symposium of regional biology. Armenia, Colombia.

## Fellowships

- **2023.** Postdoctoral fellowship financed by CONICET, Argentina. RESOL-2023-1026-APN-DIR#CONICET.
- **2017.** PhD fellowship financed by CONICET, Argentina. N° 4122. Thesis: Plant-animal interaction in blueberry crops (*Vaccinium corymbosum*, Ericaceae) and indirect effect with the Yungas forest.

## Research grants

2020	Ecosystem services provided by hummingbirds (Trochilidae)	Research grant Aves Argentinas (ARG)	\$640 US
2018	Ecosystem services provided by hummingbirds (Trochilidae)	Neotropical Ornithological Society (USA)	\$1000 US

## Distinctions

2017	Academic merit award. During MSc degree at Pontifical Javeriana University
2017	Graduated with honors CUM LAUDE. During MSc degree at Pontifical Javeriana University
2017	MSc thesis with honorary mention. During MSc degree at Pontifical Javeriana University

## Teaching experience

2021	Data Clinic (Level: graduate)	National University of Tucumán
2019	Introduction to R programming (Level: undergraduate)	National University of Tucumán

## Graduate courses

2023	Google Earth Engine - Integral	REDES Center (CONICET)	60h	Argentina
2022	Introduction to Bayesian statistics methods in ecology	University of Buenos Aires	45h	Argentina
2022	Ecosystem services: concepts, tools and perspectives	National University of Cuyo	45h	Argentina
2022	Data science with Python	National University of Southern Patagonia	40h	Argentina
2021	Models and data in ecology	National University of Comahue	40h	Argentina
2021	Statistical tools for addressing gender metrics	National University of Tucumán	40h	Argentina
2020	Ecological networks	University of São Paulo	60h	Brazil
2019	Pollination Ecology	National University of Comahue	60h	Argentina
2019	13° International Pollination Course	Federal University of Jequitinhonha Valleys	98h	Brazil
2019	Advanced statistical methods in ecology and evolution	University of the Uruguay Republic	60h	Uruguay
2018	Advanced statistical models using programming language R	National University of Córdoba	40h	Argentina

## Internships

Laboratory of Palynology   National University of Tucumán   Tucumán, Argentina   2018

## Member of research groups (Colombia)

Ecotonos	C	University of Llanos	Active member	Jan 2017	Present	Villavicencio, Colombia
InQuiBio	A1	Military University Nueva granada	Past member	Jan 2013	Dec 2015	Bogotá, Colombia

## Languages

- Spanish.
- English.

## Driver license

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