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Education	Institute of Botany, Chinese Academy of Sciences, Beijing, China		
	Ph.D., Botany (Plant Ecophysiology), 1997		
	 Dissertation: Ecophysiology of the Sandy Shrubs in the Mu Us Sandland: Structure and Function (in English with journal articles published in [J. Arid Environ.], [Trees]) Adviser: Professor Xinshi Zhang (Hsin-shih Chang), Member of Chinese Academy of Sciences Department: Lab of Quantitative Vegetation Ecology (now State Key Laboratory of Vegetation and Environmental Change) 		
	M.S., Botany (Plant Ecophysiology), 1991		
	 Thesis: The Qualitative and Quantitative Interpretations of Water Relations of the Plants in the Soil-Plant-Atmospheric Systems in the Mu Us Sandland of China (in Chinese) Adviser: Professor Xinshi Zhang Department: Lab of Quantitative Vegetation Ecology Lanzhou University, Lanzhou, Gansu Province, China 		
	B.S., Plant Physiology (with honor), 1987		
	 Thesis: The Change in the Superoxide Dismutase Activity and Lipid Peroxidation in Radish Cotyledons During Senescence as Induced by Exotic Hormones (in Chinese) Adviser: The late Professor Chenglie Zhang Department of Biology 		
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Department of Botany, Duke University, Durham, NC USA			
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