

## **Peter Breslin bio**

Peter started studying cacti in habitat more than 30 years ago and decided to start a Ph.D. in cactus evolution and biogeography at age 52, focused on the *Mammillaria* and *Cochemiea* of Baja California. He finished his Ph.D. at 58, at Arizona State University. He has published widely on topics in cactus evolution and ecology, including being one of the authors of *The Field Guide to Cacti and Succulents of Arizona*, published by the Tucson Cactus and Succulent Society. He conducted the sixth installment since 1964 of the long-term saguaro survey on Tumamoc Hill in Tucson, Arizona. He is currently the Raymond M. Turner postdoctoral research fellow at the Desert Lab on Tumamoc Hill, conducting a demographic study of the Tumamoc saguaro population with projections into the next century and beyond, as well as working on possible funding for Desert Lab projects. He is also the managing editor for publications of the Cactus and Succulent Society of America, and edits both the *Cactus and Succulent Journal* and the annual peer-reviewed yearbook, *Haseltonia*.