

**John H. Brock, Professor Emeritus, Applied Biological Sciences, ASU Polytechnic**

John Brock was born at Beloit, Kansas, June 12, 1944. He was raised on a wheat / livestock farm in north-central Kansas. He attended elementary and high school in Cawker City, Kansas. From 1962 to 1966 he attended Fort Hays State University earning a BS degree in Agriculture and in 1968 he received a MS in Botany from the same institution. From September 1968 through August 1977 he was a research associate with the Texas A&M Agricultural Experiment Station being stationed at Lubbock for 3 years and Vernon for 6 years. In this capacity, his research focused primarily on the ecological responses of rangelands to the control of honey mesquite plants, and rangeland revegetation. In 1975 he began course work and research leading to a PhD from Texas A&M in December of 1978 in Range Science. In 1977 he began his ASU career as an Assistant Professor in the Division of Agriculture and retired as a Professor Emeritus in the Applied Biological Sciences Department of ASU Polytechnic in 2008. During his ASU tenure he has completed two sabbatical leaves doing research on invasive plants in England and the Czech Republic. Over his professional career he and co-authors have produced 39 journal and peer review publications. He has authored/co-authored 57 miscellaneous publications/reports. One hundred and forty (140) papers have been presented at professional meetings, and he has served as editor or co-editor on 4 books of proceedings from international meetings concerning the ecology and management of invasive plants. In 1995 he co-chaired the annual meeting of the Society for Range Management in Phoenix that attracted over 1500 participants and hosted the 3<sup>rd</sup> international workshop concerning the Ecology and Management of Alien Invasive Plants at ASU.

John Brock's primary area of teaching was the improvement of arid / semi-arid habitats using ecological restoration techniques, natural resource planning and soil classification. His research centers on these areas and also includes the study of riparian habitats and invasive plants. Thirty students have received MS degrees under his mentorship, as have 2 PhD students.

John Brock holds memberships with the Society for Range Management, the Society for Ecological Restoration International, the Weed Science Society of America, and the Western Society of Weed Science. In 1986 he was awarded the "Outstanding Achievement Award" by the Arizona Section, Society for Range Management, and an award of the same title in 2003 from the Society for Range Management. He serves on the Governor's Invasive Species Council, and is the current president of the Southwest Vegetation Management Association.