

Doug Dawson - Short Bio.

Doug is a retired math professor and does extensive botanical travels to areas of the world where succulents grow, include Mexico, Chile, Argentina, Yemen, Socotra, Africa, and his own state of Arizona. He has organized 15 botanical exploratory trips to South Africa and Namibia, camping on local farms and public areas for three weeks and exploring the surrounding mountains and hills by day. He just returned about one month ago from his latest explorations in South Africa.

Doug has a passionate interest for growing cacti and succulents from seed. Other interests are photography and PowerPoints with succulent content. He has delivered many workshops and speaking engagements in Arizona and other states.

He has a background in German and French. Nowadays Afrikaans has become a much more useful language for him in rural South African and Namibian areas.

Doug's private plant collection emphasizes seedlings, Lithops, other Mesembs, Northern Cape Crassulas, and Arizona natives. He is a member of the Cactus and Succulent Society of America, Central Arizona Cactus and Succulent Society, the Tucson Cactus and Succulent Society and the Desert Botanical Garden.