



Raised in the shadow of the Gila Wilderness, **Joe Cook** migrated north to Alaska first in 1983 to work on Kodiak Island and later build a cabin near Longmere Lake on the Kenai. Cook returned to Fairbanks in 1990 where he was a Professor of Biology and Curator of Mammals of the University of Alaska Museum until 2000. He moved to Idaho State University as Chair of Biological Sciences at Idaho State University and later to the University of New Mexico where he is currently Professor of Biology and Curator. He, his colleagues, and a talented group of students have studied the evolutionary history, molecular ecology, and parasites of Alaska's mammals since 1990.