

Results of 2020 Saguaro Census on Plot 11, Rincon Mountains

Individual Volunteers, January 7th, 2020



On January 11th, we had a small group of volunteers join us for a plot near Douglas Spring Trailhead in the east district of the park. It was exciting to have two people on the plot that were part of the 2010 Census. The weather was beautiful and we were delighted to have a crested saguaro on the plot! We were unable to finish the plot that day, but it was finished less than a week later by an Arizona Conservation Corp crew working with us at the park.

This plot hasn't changed much over the last 20 years in terms of the overall number of saguaros counted, however the number today is 37 saguaros more than was seen in 1990, 180 vs 143. The most notable change in the more recent years is the growth of the saguaros on the plot and the lack of recruitment, meaning that the numbers have been generally increasing in the taller height classes, while shrinking in the shortest height class.

Saguaro Plot #11

