

Results of 2020 Saguaro Census on Plot 13, Rincon Mountains

Adventure Scientists, February 14th, 2020



On their final day of their stay, we brought this group of Adventure Scientists to the east district of the park to begin work on Plot 13, just east of the Riparian Overlook on the Cactus Forest Loop Drive. We couldn't think of a better way to spend Valentine's day, showing our love of saguaros with these dedicated volunteers. The group tackled the most challenging part of the plot, but had to leave before the entire plot was surveyed.

This plot required two more visits and was finally finished on March 26th.

This plot has been surveyed during each census effort from 1990 through this 2020 effort. Each time the plot has been resurveyed, we have recorded more saguaros than in the previous survey. This year was the first year that there was a decline documented on the plot in comparison to the previous census effort, 350 vs the 361 in 2010. We attribute this loss to the hard freeze in 2011 that likely killed young saguaros.

Saguaro Plot #13

