

Results of 2020 Saguaro Census on Plot 13, Rincon Mountains

Individual Volunteers, February 20th, 2020



On February 20th, we brought a small group of individual volunteers out to continue the survey of Plot 13, just east of the Riparian Overlook on the Cactus Forest Loop Drive. We happily finished another $\frac{1}{4}$ of the plot. The day warmed up quickly the group was happy for the plots location adjacent to the flowing Loma Verde drainage. This plot 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

