

Results of 2020 Saguaro Census on Plot 20, Rincon Mountains

Carianne's Collection of Cacti Counters, November 19th



We trekked back out to plot 20, northeast of Madrona Ranger Station, on November 23rd to complete the second half of this plot. Carianne Campbell organized another spectacular group of saguaro surveyors to push through the catclaw and rocky terrain and the group made quick work of the plot.

The results of this plot are interesting and the findings are likely the result of the hard freeze this area experienced in 2011. To look at the numbers: in 1990, 183 saguaros were measured; in 2006, 290; and in 2010, 313. This year we measured 302. The most noticeable difference was in the counts of the saguaros under 1 meter tall. We only found 72 compared to the 99 counted in 2010 and 112 in 2006. We were however able to find a few really small saguaros, with the smallest measuring 5 cm.

Saguaro Plot #20

