

Results of 2020 Saguaro Census on Plot 28, Tucson Mountains

Cactus Rangers, December 14th, 2019



On December 14th, we had an energetic group of Cactus Rangers and staff join us to survey Plot 28, near the Visitor Center of the west district. The weather was beautiful and the group was very thorough, finding numerous saguaros under 10 cm tall! When the day was done, the group had surveyed about 1/3 of the plot and counted about 150 saguaros. It two more days with a group of NPS Staff and volunteers and a group from the Western National Park Association for the plot to be completed.

In total, we measured more saguaros on this plot this year than we ever have, at a whopping 539, including 33 under 10 cm! This a huge change from the original survey in 1990 which counted 393. We can see that there were more saguaros in the under 1m category in 2010, but we can account for the decrease this year by looking at the next height classes up which show increases. Our saguaros are growing!

Saguaro Plot #28

