

Results of 2020 Saguaro Census on Plot 2, Rincon Mountains

Academy of Tucson, January 24th, 2020



We had a great time with an energetic group of high school students from Academy of Tucson on January 24th! We appreciate their teacher, Rosana Cumberland. Thanks also to Jess Duenas from our crew who gave a talk on the project to the students before-hand and led the effort in the field. The group was unusual in that half the students came in the morning, and half in the afternoon. It was pretty warm by the time the second group came, but they had a great attitude and finished up the plot. Plot 2 is located near the Broadway Trailhead, so many visitors had a chance to see the students working, including the great diversity of visitors using our new accessible trail.

As can be seen from the graph, in 2020 this plot had the most saguaros ever recorded on it, and more than 100 more saguaros than were first counted in 1990. It's great to see this increase because on similar plots in this area of the park we've seen some slight declines. The students counted, measured, and mapped nearly 150 saguaros. This plot also has a nice distribution of saguaros of many ages. Thank you all for your great effort!

Saguaro Plot #2

