

## Results of 2020 Saguaro Census on Plot 2, Rincon Mountains

NPS Staff and Volunteers, January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020



On January 15<sup>th</sup>, we gathered up a great group of NPS Staff and Interpretive Volunteers to get outside and survey Plot 2, located in the east district, just south of the Loma Verde Trailhead. We had high expectations for this group and they exceeded them, finishing the plot in one day and even finding some of the cutest and smallest saguaros (and barrel cacti) we have seen this year!

This plot has seen increases in the number of saguaros each time it has been surveyed. In 1990, there were 11, in 2010, there was 144, and this year, we documented 152. In 1990, this plot was dominated by older saguaros. Nowadays, we see more of an even distribution of saguaros across the height classes. Though we didn't see an increase in the number of saguaros in the shortest height class, those under 1 m, we did find 7 saguaros under 10 cm, which lets us know that there is some newer recruitment in the area, a good sign for this plot.

### Saguaro Plot #2

