

## Results of 2020 Saguaro Census on Plot 30, Tucson Mountains

Tucson Mountains Hiking Group, December 5, 2019

On December 5<sup>th</sup>, we had a large and hard-working group who regularly hike together in the Tucson Mountains, organized by Judy Schumacher. We all enjoyed a beautiful day measuring saguaros on this steep plot with lots of cholla, but also stunning views. We were also accompanied by a reporter and photographer from the Arizona Daily Star.

The plot was finished several days later by our dedicated youth conservation crews, and we now have the results (see graph on next page). Since 1990 the number of saguaros on the plot has increased from about 260 to nearly 500 saguaros. The encouraging news is that the numbers have continued to increase, and we found more saguaros this year than during the 2010 Census and in our special 2016 Centennial saguaro study. There were some smallish saguaros in the hills and also one really, really tall saguaro that was over 13 meters (over 42 feet tall!). Since 2010, then number of saguaros that are less than 1 meter (about 3 feet) have decreased, but they probably have graduated to the category of saguaros between one and two meters.



### Saguaro Plot #30

