

Results of 2020 Saguaro Census on Plot 32, Tucson Mountains

Sky Island Alliance, January 10th, 2020



On January 10th, we had an energetic group gathered by Sky Island Alliance survey plot 32, located just south and west of Cam Boh Picnic Area in the west district. The group made quick work of the plot despite the numerous spiny obstacles and we completed it in one day! We even saw a crested pincushion cactus!

We recorded a total of 253 saguaros on this plot, more than seen on any of the previous surveys, and more than 2.5 times the original survey in 1990. One of the more important thing to take notice of, is that though the number of saguaros decreased in the shortest height class from 2010 to 2020 (from 137 to 104), we are seeing that those younger saguaros are surviving and growing up into the next height class. We have also see the number of flowering stems increase over the last 10 years, so maybe during a wet year in the future, we will see an increase in recruitment.

Saguaro Plot #32

