

Results of 2020 Saguaro Census on Plot 6, Rincon Mountains

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On February 28th, we brought an enthusiastic group from TEP out to Plot 6, just east of the Javelina Picnic area in the east district of the park. This plot is loaded with prickly pear making surveying difficult. Despite this, the group made significant progress, finishing roughly 3/4^{ths} of the entire plot. This plot was finished with a small group of NPS staff on March 20th.

This plot has seen a noticeable decrease in the number of saguaros since 2010, when it was last surveyed. The total documented in 2010 was 298. This year, this group documented 241 on this plot. That decline is most apparent in the saguaros in the under 1-meter tall category. We think that this loss can be attributed to the hard freeze event in 2011. The effects of this freeze can be seen across many plots, especially in the east district.

Saguaro Plot #6

