

Results of 2020 Saguaro Census on Plot 8, Rincon Mountains

Adventure Scientists, March 6th, 2020



On their last day with us on March 6th, the Adventure Scientists group was given a break, or so they thought! Though the terrain was easy, the vegetation was thick, and bushwhacking through catclaw and mesquite was tough. The group kept up their cheery spirits and finished Plot 8, just south of Speedway Blvd., by midday.

This plot has been sparse since it was first established in 1990 when only 65 saguaros were observed. During the 2020 census, we observed 56, 9 less than originally recorded. Most notable about this plot is how dominated it is by tall saguaros. There are 19 saguaros that measure at least 9 meters on this plot, more than at each of the other plots we have visited during this census effort. Another interesting thing to note is the 120 bird holes observed. This is also more than on any plot we've measured so far, and is likely due to the location in a dense mesquite bosque.

Saguaro Plot #8

