

Tumamoc Citizen-Scientists
Species Identification Sheet

Fishhook Barrel
Ferocactus wislizenii



Staghorn Cholla
Cylindropuntia versicolor

Prickly Pear
Puntia engelmannii



Saguaro
Carnegiea gigantea

Christmas cactus
Cylindropuntia leptocaulis



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Ocotillo
Fouquieria splendens



Hedgehog
Echinocereus engelmannii



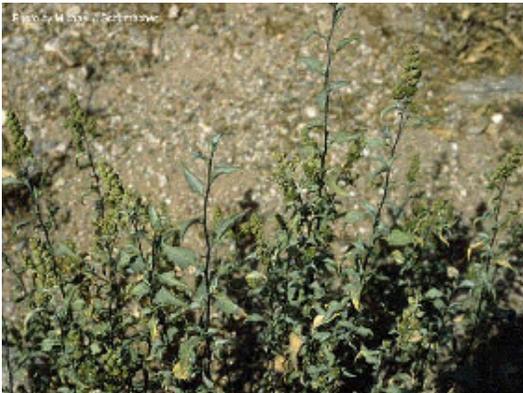
Pincushion
Mammillaria grahamii



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Triangle Leaf Bursage *Ambrosia deltoidea*

Triangle-leaf bursage is a small, round shrub about 1 1/2 feet tall and 2 feet wide. It has many slender and brittle branches that grow from the base to create a dome-like crown.



Creosote Bush *Larrea tridentate*

This medium-to-large evergreen shrub has numerous flexible stems projecting at an angle from its base. It is usually less than 4 feet high, but can grow to 12-foot heights with abundant water. Its small (1/4 to 1/2 inches), pointed, yellow-green leaves have adapted to conserve water and dissipate heat.

Medium to large sized shrubs. Often several seemingly distinct shrubs will be growing together in a ring 6 to 20 m in diameter. This represents a clone of an original plant that may have been growing continuously for thousands of years.



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Palo Verde tree

Cercidium microphyllum

This tree is a spiny, green, multi-trunked, deciduous tree. Foothill palo verdes only reach about 20 feet in height and have more yellowish bark and duller yellow/white flower.



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Heart-shaped Limber bush

Jatropha cardiophylla

A woody shrub rarely over 1½ meter tall with longish, arching flexible branches, with shiny, heart-shaped leaves with no thorns or spines.



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Cat Claw Acacia

Acacia greggii

This shrub grows to about 2 to 4 m tall, with leaves typically have four sets of 10 leaflets and sharp, hooked spines. This shrub has dense spikes of cream colored flowers and curled or twisted shiny brown pod.

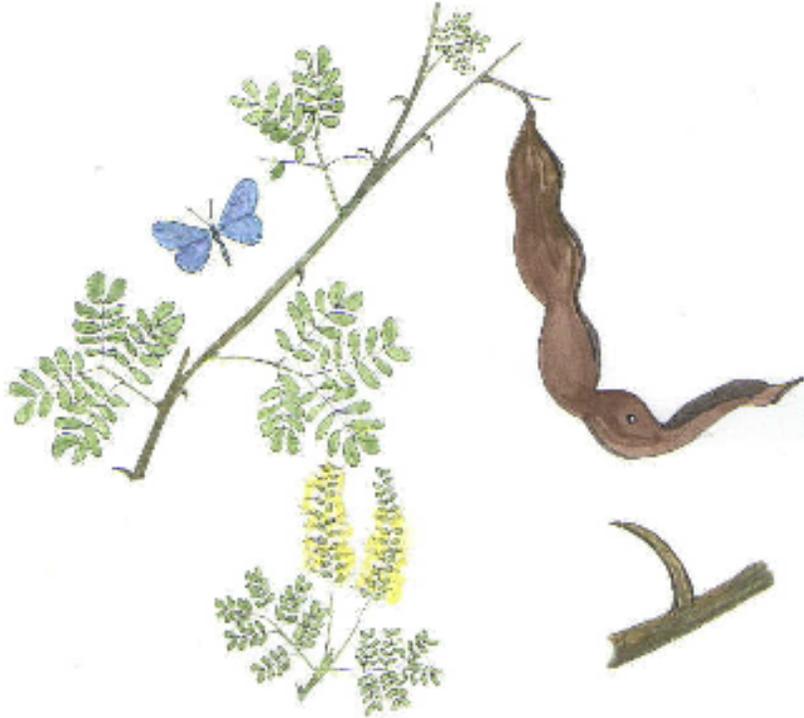


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Fariyduster

Calliandra eriophylla



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Shrub rarely over 1 m tall. Leafless during periods of drought. Very long, conspicuous stamens are hot pink. Common on rocky slopes and along wash banks. No thorns.