



Figure 1. View from the summit of the Sierra Juriquipa of steep slopes with oak woodland and a few pines. Photo by Ana L. Reina-G.

Preliminary Flora of the Sierra Juriquipa, Sonora, Mexico

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Abstract

The Sierra Juriquipa mountain range is a small but important part of the Madrean Sky Islands in northeastern Sonora, and an area previously unexplored botanically until the Madrean Discovery Expedition (MDE) in the summer of 2017. In this preliminary flora, we document 282 taxa in 72 families, and 198 genera. Eleven species (3.9%) are non-native.

Introduction

The Madrean Archipelago is located between the Sierra Madre Occidental (SMO) and the Mogollon Rim in central Arizona. In this area there are 55 Sky Island isolated mountain ranges or complexes of several ranges connected by oak woodland corridors (Van Devender et al. 2013). Sky Islands are crowned

with oak woodland or pine-oak forest. The lowland “seas” are Sonoran and Chihuahuan desertsrub, desert grassland, foothills thornscrub, or tropical deciduous forest.

Study Area and Methods

This preliminary flora is based on observations from a scouting trip on July 14–16, and intense collecting during the Madrean Discovery Expedition (MDE) Sierra Juriquipa on August 12–16, 2017 (Figure 1). This Sky Island is a little over an hour’s drive from Agua Prieta to the mining town of Nacoza de García, then about 19 kilometers (12 miles) southeast on winding dirt roads through the small mining village of Santo Domingo. The range is directly south of one of the largest copper mines in Mexico — *La Mina de la Caridad*. Our camp at Rancho Zulema in the northwestern section of Juriquipa occupied a narrow mesa with just enough room for the vehicles, gear, and tents of the 35 participants. To document the floristic diversity we inventoried Ranchos Orégano Viejo and San Felipe, and the slopes and ridgetops

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near Rancho Zulema, all on Ejido Santo Domingo, Municipality of Nacozari de García.

The Sierra Juriquipa is approximately 6,900 hectares of rugged mountain terrain and V-shaped valleys. The highest peaks reach a little over 2,000 m. (6,561 ft.) elevation with north slopes forested by mostly Chihuahua and Engelmann pine (*Pinus chihuahuana*, and *P. engelmannii*), and an occasional Arizona madrone (*Arbutus arizonica*) (Figure 2). Typical landscapes explored near Rancho Zulema were steep slopes with alligator juniper (*Juniperus deppeana*) and oaks.

The oak diversity was noteworthy, with seven species (*Quercus arizonica*, *Q. chihuahuensis*, *Q. emoryi*, *Q. hypoleucoides*, *Q. oblongifolia*, *Q. toumeyi*, and *Q. viminea*) distributed across the range, the dominants changing frequently according to habitat preference. An assortment of grasses, shrubs, and succulents occupy the understory including desert spoon/*sotol* (*Dasyliion wheeleri*) from the desert grasslands, and oak woodland species such as firecracker bush (*Bouvardia ternifolia*) and velvetpod mimosa/*gatuño* (*Mimosa dysocarpa*). Lower elevations (~1000 m., 3,280 ft.) are foothills thornscrub landscapes with mostly boat-thorn acacia/*güinolo* (*Acacia cochliacantha*), *tepeguaje* (*Lysiloma watsonii*), and velvet mesquite (*Prosopis velutina*).



Figure 2. Pine-oak forest on the summit. Photo by Ana L. Reina-G.

Flora. We observed or vouchered a total of 282 taxa in 72 families and 198 genera. Our study includes all biases that go along with a short, single-season window of collecting events. Only 11 species (3.9%) are non-native. The most important families are Fabaceae (35 taxa), Poaceae (31 taxa), and Asteraceae (25 taxa), and align with other Sonoran floras. The regional story is told by the second-tier families that bring out the personality of the local flora. For the Sierra Juriquipa, the Euphorbiaceae (15 taxa), Solanaceae (15 taxa), Convolvulaceae (12 taxa), Apocynaceae (11 taxa), Cyperaceae (10 taxa), Cactaceae (7 taxa), Fagaceae (7 taxa), and

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Figure 3. A. The charismatic *Asclepias lemmonii*. Photo by Elizabeth Makings. B. *Mandevilla stans*. A single Arizona record in the Santa Rita Mountains. Photo by Ana L. Reina-G.



Figure 4. Plants with Sierra Madre Occidental affinities that reach Arizona. A. *Hybanthus attenuatus*. B. The Mexican star, *Milla biflora*. Photos by Elizabeth Makings.

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Pteridaceae (6 taxa) are especially important. The genera with the most species were *Cyperus* (9), *Ipomoea* (7), *Euphorbia* (7), *Quercus* (7), *Asclepias* (6), and *Solanum* (6). *Asclepias* milkweeds were scattered but showy and hard to miss, especially the very large and charismatic *Asclepias lemmonii* (Figure 3A). However, in the Sierra Juriquipa, the oaks are the stars of the show in a classic Madrean oak woodland or *encinal*. One or two species tend to dominate locally, but it is not unusual to encounter four or more species on a single slope that are, for the most part, easy to distinguish by leaf shape, color, and texture, as well as habit.

Floristic affinities. Botanists have the tendency to take interest in things that are unfamiliar, out of place, or showy and irresistible. In addition, botanists love learning different species and are absorbed with the biogeographical component of floristics, pointing out interesting distributions: disjuncts, new records, endemics, range extensions, etc. The Sierra Juriquipa certainly provided examples of these categories. The plants are the collective narrative of the region and there are several recurring distributional themes for taxa of the Sierra Juriquipa flora. A few are northern species at their southern

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Figure 5. Plants restricted to the Sky Island Region. A. *Coyphantha recurvata*. Photo by Stephen F. Hale. B. *Mandevilla brachysiphon*. Photo by Elizabeth Makings.





Figure 6. SMO species that do not occur in Arizona. A. *Penstemon companulatus*. Photo by Liz Makings. B. *Begonia gracilis*. Photo by Stephen F. Hale.

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limits (e.g., *Lathyrus lanszwertii* var. *arizonicus* and *Opuntia chlorotica*). Many more species have southern distributions that extend into Arizona from the SMO and the Sonoran Sky Islands, such as *Browallia eludens*, *Eysenhardtia orthocarpa*, *Fraxinus gooddingii*, *Hybanthus attenuatus* (Figure 4A), *Hypoxis mexicana*, *Mandevilla stans* (Figure 3B), *Milla biflora* (Figure 4B), *Quercus viminea*, *Roldana hartwegii*, and *Tripsacum lanceolatum*. Other species in this category with more tropical affinities are widespread in thornscrub, e.g., *Capsicum annuum*, *Desmanthus bicornutus*, and *Havardia mexicana*. *Bouteloua diversispicula* (formerly *Cathetecum brevifolium*) is ubiquitous in foothills thornscrub (FTS), and Plains of Sonora desertscrub. It is only known in Arizona from the vicinity of Ragged Top Mountain west of Tucson (Wiens 2000). This dwarf, tufted, stoloniferous perennial grass plays an important but underappreciated role in arid habitats where it forms turf that

prevents erosion as well as enriching the microfauna diversity, but it can easily disappear with plowing and other surface disturbances.

Cnidoscolus angustidens, *Coryphantha recurvata* (Figure 5A), *Mandevilla brachysiphon* (Figure 5B), and *Quercus emoryi* mostly occur in the Madrean Archipelago. The Sky Island phytogeographic pattern is not fully appreciated and often called “Madrean,” even if the species does not occur in the

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Figure 7. Mexican species not in Arizona. A. *Cyclanthera minima*. Photo by Stephen F. Hale. B. *Tigridia pavonia*, a captivating species — flowers only briefly open. Photo by Elizabeth Makings.



Figure 8. Mexican species not in Arizona. A. *Manihot rubricaulis*. Photo by Susan D. Carnahan. B. *Solanum houstonii*. Photo by Stephen L. Minter.

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SMO. Other SMO species that reach Arizona include *Quercus viminea*, *Roldana hartwegii*, and *Tripsacum lanceolatum*. *Bursera fagaroides* var. *elongata* is a widespread tropical species that reaches its northwestern distributional limit in thornscrub and Sonoran desertscrub in Sonora, except for a single 1929 collection by Robert H. Peebles in Fresnal Canyon in the southern Baboquivari Mountains. Since then, attempts to relocate this population were not successful. Other SMO plants that approach but do not occur in Arizona include *Begonia gracilis* (Figure 6B), *Buddleja parviflora*, *Cyclanthera minima* (Figure 7A), *Penstemon campanulatus* (Figure 6A), and *Tigridia pavonia* (Figure 7B). Thornscrub species that occur just south of Arizona are *Manihot rubricaulis* (Figure 8A), *Milleria quinqueflora*, and *Solanum houstonii* (Figure 8B). *Lantana camara* is a widespread tropical species reaching its northwestern distributional limit in thornscrub and Sonoran desertscrub in Sonora and Baja California. *Merremia palmeri* is a showy white-flowered vine typical of thornscrub and the adjacent Plains of Sonora desertscrub. *Populus monticola* is a tropical riparian tree that would have Sky Islands distribution, except that it also occurs in Baja California Sur. All in all, the Sierra Juriquipa has a diverse collection of biogeographical affinities.

While investigating previous botanical work in the Sierra Juriquipa, we were quite surprised to discover that previous botanical work was non-existent — not a single herbarium specimen had been vouchered prior to our 2017 expedition. To work in an area so rich and yet so unexplored was remarkable and gratifying. Clearly, there is still a lot to learn about the floras of the Sonoran Sky Island and many other areas in Sonora. Physical vouchers and many images are available in the Arizona State University and University of

Arizona SEINet databases (<http://swbiodiversity.org/seinet/collections/index.php>). Field observations are available in the Madrean Discovery Expedition (MDE) (madreandiscovery.org).

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An asterisk (*) denotes non-native status.

Lycophtyes

SELAGINELLACEAE

Selaginella rupincola Underwood

Pteridophytes

ASPLENIACEAE

Asplenium palmeri Maxon

PTERIDACEAE

Bommeria hispida (Mett. ex Kuhn) Underwood

Myriopteris aurea (Poir.) Grusz & Windham

Myriopteris lindheimeri (Hook.) J. Sm.

Myriopteris wrightii (Hook.) Grusz & Windham

Pellaea wrightiana Hook.

Gymnosperms

CUPRESSACEAE

Juniperus deppeana Steud.

PINACEAE

Pinus chihuahuana Engelm.

Pinus engelmannii Carr.

Eudicots

ACANTHACEAE

Elytraria imbricata (Vahl) Pers.

Ruellia nudiflora (Engelm. & A. Gray) Urban

Tetramerium nervosum Nees

ADOXACEAE

Sambucus cerulea Raf.

AMARANTHACEAE

Alternanthera caracasana Kunth

Amaranthus dubius Mart. ex Thell. (new Sonoran voucher)

Amaranthus palmeri S. Watson

Gomphrena caespitosa Torr.

Gomphrena nitida Rothrock

Gomphrena sonorae Torr.

Guillemina densa (Humb. & Bonpl. ex Willd.) Moq.

ANACARDIACEAE

Rhus aromatica Aiton

Rhus virens Lindheimer ex A. Gray

Toxicodendron radicans (L.) Kuntze

APOCYNACEAE

Asclepias asperula (Dcne.) Woods.

Asclepias elata Benth.

Asclepias lemmonii A. Gray

Asclepias linaria Cav.

Asclepias nummularia Torr.

Asclepias ovata Steud.

Cynanchum ligulatum (Benth.) Woods.

Mandevilla brachysiphon (Torr.) Pichon

Mandevilla stans (A. Gray) J.K. Williams

Matelea triflora (Standl.) Woodson

Metastelma mexicanum (Brandegee) M. Fishbein & R. Levin

ARALIACEAE

Aralia humilis Cav.

ASTERACEAE

Acourtia thurberi (A. Gray) Reveal & King

Ambrosia ambrosioides (Cav.) W.W. Payne

Ambrosia confertiflora Dc.

Artemisia ludoviciana Nutt.

Baccharis salicifolia (Ruiz & Pav.) Pers.

Baccharis sarothroides A. Gray

Carphochaete bigelovii A. Gray

Conyzia canadensis (L.) Cronquist

Erigeron flagellaris A. Gray

Hieracium fendleri Schultz-Bip.

Hieracium pringlei A. Gray

Laennecia eriophylla (A. Gray) G.L. Nesom

Lasianthaea podocephala (A. Gray) K. Becker

Melampodium appendiculatum B.L. Robins.

Melampodium cupulatum A. Gray

Melampodium longicorne A. Gray

Milleria quinqueflora L.

Porophyllum macrocephalum DC.

Psacalium decompositum (A. Gray) H.E. Robins. & Brett.

Roldana hartwegii (Benth.) H. Rob. & Brettell

Symphyotrichum expansum (Poepp. ex Spreng.) G.L. Nesom

Tagetes lemmonii A. Gray

Verbesina longifolia (A. Gray) A. Gray

Zinnia peruviana (L.) L.

Zinnia zinnioides (Kunth) Olorode & A.M. Torres

BEGONIACEAE

Begonia gracilis Vilmorin-Andrieux

BIXACEAE

Amoreuxia palmatifida Moc. & Sessé ex DC.

BORAGINACEAE

Lithospermum cobrense Greene

BRASSICACEAE

Hesperidanthus linearifolius (A. Gray) Rydb.

Pennellia micrantha (A. Gray) Nieuwl.

BURSERACEAE

Bursera fagaroides (Kunth) Engl. var. *elongata* McVaugh & Rzed.

CACTACEAE

Coryphantha recurvata (Engelm.) Britt. & Rose

Cylindropuntia versicolor (Engelm. ex J. M. Coul.) Knuth

Echinocereus rigidissimus (Engelm.) Haage f.

Mammillaria grahamii Engelm.

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<i>Opuntia chlorotica</i> Engelm. & Bigelow	<i>Euphorbia cuphosperma</i> (Engelm.) Boiss.	* <i>Leucaena leucocephala</i> (Lam.) de Wit
<i>Opuntia engelmannii</i> Salm-Dyck	<i>Euphorbia heterophylla</i> L.	<i>Mimosa distachya</i> Cav.
<i>Opuntia cf. wilcoxii</i> Britton & Rose	<i>Euphorbia hirta</i> L.	<i>Mimosa dysocarpa</i> Benth.
CANNABACEAE	<i>Euphorbia hyssopifolia</i> L.	<i>Mimosa grahamii</i> A. Gray
<i>Celtis pallida</i> Torr.	<i>Euphorbia indivisa</i> (Engelm.) Tidestrom	<i>Nissolia schottii</i> (Torr.) A. Gray
<i>Celtis reticulata</i> Torr.	<i>Euphorbia macropus</i> (Klotzsch & Garcke) Boiss.	<i>Parkinsonia aculeata</i> L.
CARYOPHYLLACEAE	<i>Manihot angustiloba</i> (Torr.) Müll. Arg.	<i>Phaseolus acutifolius</i> A. Gray
<i>Drymaria effusa</i> A. Gray	<i>Manihot rubricaulis</i> I.M. Johnst.	<i>Phaseolus ritensis</i> M.E. Jones
<i>Drymaria leptophylla</i> (Cham. & Schlecht.) Fenzl ex Rohrb.	<i>Tragia laciniata</i> (Torr.) Müll. Arg.	<i>Prosopis velutina</i> Wooton
<i>Drymaria molluginea</i> (Lag.) Dindr.	<i>Tragia nepetifolia</i> Cav.	<i>Senna hirsuta</i> (L.) Irwin & Barneby
CONVOLVULACEAE	FABACEAE	<i>Zornia reticulata</i> Sm.
<i>Cuscuta americana</i> Thunb. ex Engelm.	<i>Acacia angustissima</i> (Mill.) Kuntze	FAGACEAE
<i>Dichondra brachypoda</i> Wooton & Standl.	<i>Acacia cochliacantha</i> Humb. & Bonpl. ex Willd.	<i>Quercus arizonica</i> Sarg.
<i>Evolvulus alsinoides</i> (L.) L.	<i>Acacia farnesiana</i> (L.) Willd.	<i>Quercus chihuahuensis</i> Trel.
<i>Evolvulus arizonicus</i> A. Gray	<i>Aeschynomene villosa</i> Poir.	<i>Quercus emoryi</i> Torr.
<i>Ipomoea capillacea</i> (Kunth) G. Don	<i>Calliandra humilis</i> Benth. var. <i>humilis</i>	<i>Quercus hypoleucoides</i> A. Camus
<i>Ipomoea costellata</i> Torr.	<i>Calliandra humilis</i> Benth. var. <i>reticulata</i> (A. Gray) L.D. Benson	<i>Quercus oblongifolia</i> Torr.
<i>Ipomoea cristulata</i> Hallier f.	<i>Chamaecrista absus</i> (L.) Irwin & Barneby	<i>Quercus toumeyi</i> Sarg.
<i>Ipomoea hederacea</i> Jacq.	<i>Chamaecrista nictitans</i> (L.) Moench	<i>Quercus viminea</i> Trel.
<i>Ipomoea plummerae</i> A. Gray	<i>Chamaecrista serpens</i> (L.) Greene	FOUQUIERIACEAE
<i>Ipomoea tenuiloba</i> Torr.	<i>Cologania angustifolia</i> Kunth	<i>Fouquieria splendens</i> Engelm.
<i>Ipomoea thurberi</i> A. Gray	<i>Cologania obovata</i> Schlecht.	GERANIACEAE
<i>Merremia palmeri</i> (S. Watson) Hallier f.	<i>Coursetia caribaea</i> (Jacq.) Lavin	<i>Geranium richardsonii</i> Fisch. & Trautv.
CRASSULACEAE	<i>Crotalaria pumila</i> Blanco	<i>Geranium wislizeni</i> S. Watson
<i>Sedum stelliforme</i> S. Watson	<i>Crotalaria sagittalis</i> L.	JUGLANDACEAE
CUCURBITACEAE	<i>Dalea versicolor</i> Zucc.	<i>Juglans major</i> (Torr.) Heller
<i>Cucurbita digitata</i> A. Gray	<i>Desmanthus bicornutus</i> S. Watson	LAMIACEAE
<i>Cyclanthera minima</i> (S. Watson) Kearns & C.E. Jones	<i>Desmanthus covillei</i> (Britt. & Rose) Wiggins ex B.L. Turner	<i>Agastache wrightii</i> (Greenm.) Wooton & Standl.
ERICACEAE	<i>Erythrina flabelliformis</i> Kearney	<i>Monarda citriodora</i> Cerb. var. <i>austromontana</i> (Epling) B.L. Turner
<i>Arbutus arizonica</i> (A. Gray) Sarg.	<i>Eysenhardtia polystachya</i> (Ortega) Sarg.	<i>Salvia subincisa</i> Benth.
<i>Arctostaphylos pungens</i> Kunth	<i>Galactia wrightii</i> A. Gray	LINACEAE
EUPHORBIACEAE	<i>Havardia mexicana</i> (Rose) Britton & Rose	<i>Linum neomexicanum</i> Greene
<i>Acalypha neomexicana</i> Muell. Arg.	<i>Indigofera sphaerocarpa</i> A. Gray	LOASACEAE
<i>Acalypha ostryifolia</i> Riddell ex J. M. Coulter	<i>Lathyrus lanszwertii</i> Kellogg var. <i>arizonicus</i> (Britton) S.L. Welsh	<i>Mentzelia aspera</i> L.
<i>Acalypha papillosa</i> Rose		LYTHRACEAE
<i>Cnidoscolus angustidens</i> Torr.		<i>Cuphea wrightii</i> A. Gray
<i>Euphorbia bilobata</i> Engelm.		

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MALPIGHIACEAE	<i>Schistophragma intermedium</i> (A. Gray) Pennell	SCROPHULARIACEAE
<i>Aspicarpa hirtella</i> L.C. Rich.		<i>Buddleja parviflora</i> Kunth
MALVACEAE		SOLANACEAE
<i>Anoda cristata</i> (L.) Schlecht.	<i>Hebecarpa obscura</i> (Benth.) J. R. Abbott	<i>Browallia eludens</i> R.K. Van Devender & P.D. Jenkins
<i>Ayenia filiformis</i> S. Watson		<i>Capsicum annuum</i> L.
<i>Corchorus hirtus</i> L.	<i>Eriogonum abertianum</i> Torr.	<i>Datura discolor</i> Bernh.
<i>Gossypium thurberi</i> Todaro		<i>Jaltomata procumbens</i> (Cav.) J.L. Gentry
<i>Sida rhombifolia</i> L.	PORTULACACEAE	<i>Lycium berlandieri</i> Dunal
	<i>Portulaca oleracea</i> L.	* <i>Nicotiana glauca</i> Graham
MARTYNIACEAE	<i>Portulaca suffrutescens</i> Engelm.	<i>Physalis hederifolia</i> A. Gray
<i>Proboscidea parviflora</i> (Wooton) Wooton & Standl.	<i>Portulaca umbraticola</i> Kunth	<i>Physalis philadelphica</i> Lam.
MELIACEAE		<i>Physalis pubescens</i> L.
* <i>Melia azedarach</i> L.	PRIMULACEAE	<i>Solanum elaeagnifolium</i> Cav.
MOLLUGINACEAE	<i>Samolus vagans</i> Greene	<i>Solanum houstonii</i> Martyn
<i>Mollugo verticillata</i> L.		<i>Solanum lumholtzianum</i> Bartlett
MORACEAE	RANUNCULACEAE	<i>Solanum nigrescens</i> M. Martens & Galeotti
<i>Morus microphylla</i> Buckl.	<i>Clematis ligusticifolia</i> Nutt.	<i>Solanum stoloniferum</i> Schltdl. & Bouché
	<i>Thalictrum fendleri</i> Engelm. ex A. Gray	TALINACEAE
NYCTAGINACEAE		<i>Talinum paniculatum</i> (Jacq.) Gaertn.
<i>Allionia incarnata</i> L.	RHAMNACEAE	VERBENACEAE
<i>Boerhavia coccinea</i> P. Mill.	<i>Ceanothus buxifolius</i> Willd. ex Schult.f.	<i>Aloysia gratissima</i> (Gillies & Hook.) Tronc.
<i>Boerhavia erecta</i> L.	<i>Condalia correllii</i> M.C. Johnston	<i>Lantana camara</i> L.
OLEACEAE		VIOLACEAE
<i>Fraxinus gooddingii</i> Little	ROSACEAE	<i>Hybanthus attenuatus</i> (Humb. & Bonpl. ex J.A. Schultes) G. K. Schulze
	<i>Prunus serotina</i> Ehrh.	VITACEAE
ONAGRACEAE		<i>Vitis arizonica</i> Engelm.
<i>Oenothera kunthiana</i> (Spach) Munz	RUBIACEAE	ZYGOPHYLLACEAE
<i>Oenothera tetraptera</i> Cav.	<i>Bouvardia ternifolia</i> (Cav.) Schlecht.	<i>Kallstroemia grandiflora</i> Torr. ex A. Gray
OROBANCHACEAE		Monocots
<i>Castilleja tenuiflora</i> Benth.	CRASSULACEAE	
	<i>Crusea hispida</i> Robinson	ASPARAGACEAE
OXALIDACEAE	<i>Galium proliferum</i> A. Gray	<i>Agave palmeri</i> Engelm.
<i>Oxalis latifolia</i> Kunth	<i>Mitracarpus hirtus</i> (L.) DC.	<i>Dasyliion wheeleri</i> S. Watson
PAPAVERACEAE	<i>Randia sonorensis</i> Wiggins	<i>Echeandia flavesrens</i> (J.A. & J.H. Schultes) Cruden
<i>Argemone pleiacantha</i> Greene		<i>Milla biflora</i> Cav.
PASSIFLORACEAE	SANTALACEAE	
<i>Passiflora bryonioides</i> Kunth	<i>Populus monticola</i> Mert. ex Loud.	
PLANTAGINACEAE		
<i>Mecardonia procumbens</i> (P. Mill.) Small	<i>Salix gooddingii</i> Ball	
<i>Penstemon campanulatus</i> (Cav.) Willd.		
	SAPINDACEAE	
	<i>Phoradendron californicum</i> Nutt.	
	<i>Phoradendron macrophyllum</i> (Engelm.) Cockerell	
	<i>Phoradendron serotinum</i> (Raf.) M. C. Johnst. ssp. <i>tomentosum</i> (DC.) Kuijt	
	<i>Dodonaea viscosa</i> Jacq.	

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descriptions is lacking. Each description here is grounded with some subtle explanations that bring a plant community to life for the reader, making it feel more memorable and understandable. These distinctive comments are subtle but worth noting. Of Desert Scrub, Bertelsen says, "Many typical desert species in the Tucson area are uncommon to rare, or altogether absent, in the study area. This is probably due to a number of factors, including elevation and the absence of bajada, sandy washes, or silty soils." This last sentence describes an essential difference between Desert Scrub in Finger Rock Canyon and Desert Scrub in flatter topography. This nuanced descriptive writing is woven into the entire flora. *Thirty-Seven Years* brings with it a lot of finely parsed information.

There are almost eight thousand specimens from the Catalina Mountains in the University of Arizona

Herbarium alone. It is a mountain range that has enjoyed the attention of many collectors. Bertelsen has brought botanical science in this mountain range to the next rung on the ladder by providing context, context that can only come of a deep personal understanding of the data. In *Thirty-Seven Years*, we are treated to a slice of what must be a much bigger pie. The data Bertelsen have amassed extend well beyond what is on display in this flora. We may find ourselves a little anxious to see what comes of this seminal work in the future, and we may feel a kinship with the mountain that wasn't there before.

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CHECKLIST: Sierra Juriquipa *page 4 of 4*

Nolina microcarpa S. Watson

Yucca madrensis Gentry

COMMELINACEAE

Commelina tuberosa L.

Commelina erecta L.

Tradescantia pinetorum Greene

CYPERACEAE

Bulbostylis juncoidea (Vahl) Kükenth.

Cyperus dipsaceus Liebamann

Cyperus esculentus L.

Cyperus hermaphroditus (Jacq.) Standl.

Cyperus hypopitys G. Tucker

Cyperus manimae Kunth

Cyperus odoratus L.

Cyperus pallidicolor (Kükenth.) G. Tucker

Cyperus seslerioides Kunth

Cyperus squarrosus L.

HYPoxidaceae

Hypoxis mexicana J.A. & J.H. Schultes

IRIDACEAE

Sisyrinchium cernuum (Bickn.) Kearney

Tigridia pavonia (L. f.) DC.

POACEAE

Aristida adscensionis L.

Aristida ternipes Cav. var. *ternipes*

Bouteloua curtipendula (Michx.) Torr.

Bouteloua diversispicula Columbus

Bouteloua hirsuta Lag.

Bouteloua repens (Kunth) Scribn. & Merr.

Chloris virgata Sw.

* *Cynodon dactylon* (L.) Pers.

* *Digitaria sanguinalis* (L.) Scop.

Dinebra panicea ssp. *brachiata* (Steud.)

P.M. Peterson & N. Snow

Disakisperma dubium (Kunth) P.M. Peterson & N. Snow

* *Echinochloa colona* (L.) Link

* *Eragrostis cilianensis* (All.) Vignolo ex Janch.

Eragrostis intermedia A.S. Hitchc.

Eragrostis pectinacea (Michx.) Nees ex Steud.

Eriochloa acuminata (J. Presl) Kunth

Eriochloa lemmonii Vasey & Scribn.

Heteropogon contortus (L.) P. Beauv. ex Roemer & J.A. Schultes

* *Hordeum vulgare* L.

* *Melinis repens* (Willd.) Zizka

Muhlenbergia alopecuroides (Griseb.) P.M. Peterson & Columbus

Muhlenbergia emersleyi Vasey

Panicum alatum var. *minus* (Andersson) F. Zuloaga & O. Morrone

Panicum hirticaule J. Presl

Paspalum setaceum Michx.

Setaria liebmamii E. Fourn.

* *Sorghum halepense* (L.) Pers.

Tripsacum lanceolatum Rupr. ex Fourn.

* *Triticum aestivum* L.

Zuloagaea bulbosa (Kunth) Bess