

Plant Guide to Art Smith Trail, Santa Rosa Mountains

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0.00			Begin guide at end of parking lot pavement; elevation 1020 feet (310 m)			
0.00	b	1	brittlebush	<i>Encelia farinosa</i>	99 / 9	10
0.00	b	2	cheesebush	<i>Hymenoclea salsola</i> var. <i>salsola</i>	99 / 9	7
0.00	l	3	smoke tree	<i>Psoralea argophylla</i>	10 / 3	4
0.00			Cross between short wood posts			
0.00	r		Sign: "Dogs prohibited to protect bighorn sheep"			
0.00	r		Sign: "Art Smith Trail" with map			
0.00	l	4	small-seeded spurge	<i>Chamaesyce polycarpa</i>	99 / 9	17
0.01	l	5	wire-lettuce	<i>Stephanomeria pauciflora</i> var. <i>pauciflora</i>	30 / 9	10
0.01	r	6 ~	*London rocket	<i>Sisymbrium irio</i>	/	13
0.01	r		(catclaw, <i>Acacia greggii</i>)			
0.01	r	7	indigo bush	<i>Psoralea schottii</i>	99 / 9	8
0.01	r	8	creosote bush	<i>Larrea tridentata</i>	99 / 9	7
0.02	l	9	burweed	<i>Ambrosia dumosa</i>	99 / 9	9
0.02	r	10	sacred datura	<i>Datura wrightii</i>	1 / 1	20
0.02			Cross wash			
0.02	l		(*fountain grass, <i>Pennisetum setaceum</i> ; desert tobacco, <i>Nicotiana obtusifolia</i>)			
0.03	b	11	desert star-vine	<i>Brandegea bigelovii</i>	20 / 9	1
0.03	l	12	*Asian mustard	<i>Brassica tournefortii</i>	10 / 1	8
0.03	l	13	desert trumpet	<i>Eriogonum inflatum</i>	99 / 9	4
0.03	l	14	Emory's rock-daisy	<u><i>Perityle emoryi</i></u> [±]	50 / 5	5
0.03	l	15	fringed amaranth	<i>Amaranthus fimbriatus</i>	3 / 2	7
0.03	l	16	desert needle	<i>Palafoxia arida</i> var. <i>arida</i>	2 / 2	3
0.03	l	17	desert lavender	<i>Hyptis emoryi</i>	99 / 9	6
0.03	l	18 ?	caulanthus?	<i>Caulanthus?</i>	1 / 1	
0.03	r	19	*Mediterranean schismus	<i>Schismus barbatus</i>	1 / 1	26
0.03	r	20	baby catclaw	<i>Acacia greggii</i>	50 / 9	8
0.03	l	21	*sorghum	<i>Sorghum bicolor</i>	1 / 1	1
0.03	r		(in distance: *giant reed, <i>Arundo donax</i>)			
0.03	l	22 sp	popcorn flower	<i>Cryptantha</i> sp.	/	
0.03	l	23	*redstem filaree	<i>Erodium cicutarium</i>	5 / 1	59
0.03	l	24 ?	baby jojoba?	<i>Simmondsia chinensis?</i>	/	
0.03	l	25 ?	baby California fan palm?	<i>Washingtonia filifera?</i>	/	
0.04	r		Sign: "Trails closed in Dead Indian Canyon January 1 - September 30"			

0.04	1	26	desert pine	<i>Peucephyllum schottii</i>	5 / 2	2
0.04			Trail leaves wash to left			
0.04	b	27	desert plantain	<i>Plantago ovata</i>	99 / 9	7
0.04	1		(pencil cholla, <i>Opuntia ramosissima</i>)			
0.05	1	~	(white rhatany , <i>Krameria grayi</i> [±])			
0.05	1	28	pencil cholla	<i>Opuntia ramosissima</i>	20 / 9	3
0.05	r		(*athel, <i>Tamarix aphylla</i>)			
0.05	1	29 ?	annual grass	<i>grass sp.</i>	/	
0.06	1	30	California fagonia	<i>Fagonia laevis</i>	99 / 9	5
0.07			Trail curves left at ridge			
0.11	r	~	(Gander's cholla, <i>Opuntia ganderi</i>)			
0.12	b		Jct. bulldozed road			
0.12	1	31 ~	Gander's cholla	<i>Opuntia ganderi</i>	50 / 9	8
0.13			Cross small drainage			
0.18	r		(beavertail cactus, <i>Opuntia basilaris</i> var. <i>basilaris</i> ; desert agave, <i>Agave deserti</i>)			
0.20			Cross side wash on small rock bridge			
0.23			Local high point			
0.23	1		(blue palo verde, <i>Cercidium floridum</i> ssp. <i>floridum</i>)			
0.24			Cross side wash			
0.24	1		(rock hibiscus, <i>Hibiscus denudatus</i>)			
0.25	1	32	narrowleaf ditaxis	<i>Ditaxis lanceolata</i>	5 / 5	5
0.26			Local low point			
0.26	1	33	Thurber's sandpaper-plant	<i>Petalonyx thurberi</i> ssp. <i>thurberi</i>	20 / 5	3
0.26	1	34	sweetbush	<i>Bebbia juncea</i> var. <i>aspera</i>	99 / 9	13
0.27	1	35 ~	narrowleaf goldenbush	<i>Ericameria linearifolia</i>	1 / 1	7
0.29	r	36	desert-willow	<i>Chilopsis linearis</i> ssp. <i>arcuata</i>	10 / 3	6
0.31	r		Sign: "Trails closed January 1 - September 30"; go through gate in fence (open only October - December); otherwise, turn around.			
0.32			Trail curves left and hugs canyon wall with many desert pine, <i>Peucephyllum schottii</i>			
0.33	1	37 ~	*red brome	<i>Bromus madritensis</i> ssp. <i>rubens</i>	/	60
0.33	1	38	flat-topped buckwheat	<i>Eriogonum deflexum</i> var. <i>deflexum</i>	2 / 2	2
0.33	1	39	thick-leaved ground cherry	<i>Physalis crassifolia</i>	2 / 2	6
0.33	1	40	chia	<i>Salvia columbariae</i>	99 / 9	25
0.33	1	41 ~	wishbone plant	<i>Mirabilis bigelovii</i> var. <i>retrorsa</i>	1 / 1	5
0.34	1	42	*fountain grass	<i>Pennisetum setaceum</i>	10 / 3	12
0.34	1	43	chuparosa	<i>Justicia californica</i>	10 / 5	6
0.35	r	44	desert tobacco	<i>Nicotiana obtusifolia</i>	1 / 1	3
0.38	1	45	Wright's buckwheat	<i>Eriogonum wrightii</i> var. <i>nodosum</i>	5 / 5	5

1.26	r	57	desert agave	<i>Agave deserti</i>	30 / 9	7	1.80	Trail joins wash
1.26	l	58	California trixis	<i>Trixis californica</i> var. <i>californica</i>	10 / 5	6	1.88	r Trail leaves wash to right; sign "Trail"
1.27	r	59	Nevada ephedra	<i>Ephedra nevadensis</i>	50 / 9	3	1.93	l (Engelmann's hedgehog cactus, <i>Echinocereus engelmannii</i>)
1.28	r		(jojoba, <i>Simmondsia chinensis</i>)				1.98	Cross small wash
1.28			Trail curves left at ridge				2.04	Switchback left at side wash
1.29			T-jct with old trail; go left; elevation 1640 feet (500 m)				2.06	Switchback right
1.29	l		Sign (facing other direction): "Trail closed ..."				2.08	l Switchback left
1.29	l		(matchweed, <i>Gutierrezia sarothrae</i>)				2.13	Switchback right
1.29	r	60	Parish's viguiera	<i>Viguiera parishii</i>	30 / 9	6	2.14	Trail turns right
1.29	l	61	ssp apricot mallow	<i>Sphaeralcea ambigua</i>	50 / 9		2.15	Trail curves left 90°
1.29	l	62	woolly lipfern	<i>Cheilanthes parryi</i>	10 / 5	4	2.19	Minor saddle; local high point
1.30	l	63	San Felipe dogweed	<i>Adenophyllum porophylloides</i>	3 / 2	6	2.20	l ~ (short-leaved baccharis, <i>Baccharis brachyphylla</i>)
1.36			Trail zigzags up ridge				2.23	Local low point
1.38	l		(white-stemmed milkweed, <i>Asclepias albicans</i>)				2.25	Minor local high point; then minor local low point
1.40	r		Check if this dead smallish (annual?) is a different species				2.28	Overlook of drainage to left, which has many cut tamarisk branches and big palm trees up drainage; trail curves right 90°; elevation 2120 feet (646 m)
1.41			Local high point				2.32	Trail curves left
1.41	l	64	jojoba	<i>Simmondsia chinensis</i>	20 / 9	5	2.36	l (Tall palms); local high point immediately followed by local low point
1.41			Minor local low point; cross small wash				2.39	Trail again on lip of drainage to left briefly; many tamarisk still present there
1.43	l	65	star-flowered bedstraw	<i>Galium stellatum</i> var. <i>eremicum</i>	5 / 2	3	2.50	Switchback right
1.43	l	66	~ pellitory	<i>Parietaria hespera</i> var. <i>hespera</i>	1 / 1	7	2.56	Switchback left
1.43	l	67	white-stemmed milkweed	<i>Asclepias albicans</i>	2 / 2	1	2.58	Trail begins series of minor local high and low points
1.45			Trail now on flattish top of ridge; local high point; elevation ~1760 feet (536 m)				2.68	b 72 Mohave yucca <i>Yucca schidigera</i> 10 / 9 10
1.46	r	68	desert apricot	<u><i>Prunus fremontii</i></u> [±]	20 / 9	6	2.72	l Local high point; elevation 2240 feet (683 m); trail continues with series of minor local high and low points
1.54			Minor local low point; trail curves left				2.74	r 73 Engelmann's hedgehog cactus <i>Echinocereus engelmannii</i> 5 / 5 8
1.55			Switchback left				2.83	r Jct. Schey Trail
1.56			Trail curves right 90°				2.94	Trail turns left 90°
1.61			Local high point				2.98	Switchback left
1.65			Local low point				3.01	Local high point
1.70			Local high point				3.03	Trail zigzags right then left
1.73		69	California fan palm	<i>Washingtonia filifera</i>	10 / 2	4	3.05	Trail crosses wash and turns right 90°
1.73			Cross wash; elevation 1800 feet (549 m)				3.15	l Cross wash; sign: "Trail [to right]"
1.73	l		(desert baccharis, <i>Baccharis sergiloides</i> ; arrow-weed, <i>Pluchea sericea</i>)				3.16	b 74 California buckwheat <i>Eriogonum fasciculatum</i> var. <i>polifolium</i> 10 / 3 22
1.73	r		(Anderson's desert-thorn, <i>Lycium andersonii</i>)				3.32	r (desert lotus, <i>Lotus rigidus</i>)
1.75	l	70	~ Anderson's desert-thorn	<i>Lycium andersonii</i>	5 / 2	3	3.33	Cross wash; trail turns right 90°
1.75	r		Sign: "Trail"; trail leaves wash to left				3.35	Trail turns left 90°
1.76	l	71	arrow-leaf	<i>Pleurocoronis plurisetata</i>	5 / 3	2		
1.78	l		California barrel cactus, <i>Ferocactus cylindraceus</i> , uprooted and fallen over, regrowing from stem tops					