



Mammal Monitoring in Saguaro National Park (TMD) in 2026 (*Preliminary Results*)

Sonoran Desert Network scientists deployed and retrieved 60 wildlife cameras in the Tucson Mountain District of Saguaro National Park in 2026. Cameras were active between January 6 and March 1.

- **25 community science volunteers** assisted with data collection this year.
- We documented **18 species** of mammals throughout the park (**Table 1**).
- We captured a photo of a **domestic horse off-trail**. It was with a dog near Panther Peak Wash Trail. The rider is not visible, but the horse was wearing a saddle.
- View the Saguaro National Park 2026 [wildlife photo highlights](#) on NPGallery.



Figure 1. TMD wildlife camera photos, 2026.

What's Next?

We will use these data to model occupancy for select large and medium-sized mammals in Saguaro National Park (TMD), and we will alert the park when we publish the full report. Our previous [wildlife monitoring reports](#) can be found on the [Sonoran Desert Network website](#). We will return to the Tucson Mountain District to deploy cameras again in January 2027.

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Table 1. **PRELIMINARY RESULTS.** Mammal species documented in Saguaro National Park in 2026 and the number of cameras (out of 60) that photographed each species. This is our first time capturing photos of a feral cat, domestic horse, and raccoon on our cameras in TMD.

Mammal Species	Number of Cameras (Out of 60)
collared peccary (<i>Pecari tajacu</i>)	37
mule deer (<i>Odocoileus hemionus</i>)	33
coyote (<i>Canis latrans</i>)	26
black-tailed jackrabbit (<i>Lepus californicus</i>)	25
bobcat (<i>Lynx rufus</i>)	21
common gray fox (<i>Urocyon cinereoargenteus</i>)	21
desert cottontail (<i>Sylvilagus audubonii</i>)	21
mountain lion (<i>Puma concolor</i>)	4
Harris's antelope squirrel (<i>Ammospermophilus harrisi</i>)	3
American badger (<i>Taxidea taxus</i>)	2
feral dog (<i>Canis lupus familiaris</i>)	2
rock squirrel (<i>Otospermophilus variegatus</i>)	2
American hog-nosed skunk (<i>Conepatus leuconotus</i>)	1
domestic horse (<i>Equus ferus caballus</i>)	1
feral cat (<i>Felis catus</i>)	1
hooded skunk (<i>Mephitis macroura</i>)	1
raccoon (<i>Procyon lotor</i>)	1
ringtail (<i>Bassariscus astutus</i>)	1



Figure 2. TMD wildlife camera photos, 2026.

