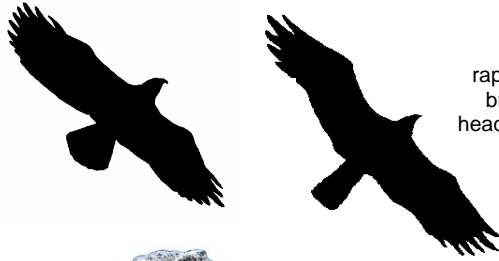




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## Fauna common to the Maricopa County Park System

Silhouettes can help identify raptors. To the right is an eagle which has broad wings and short broad tail. Bald Eagles soar with their



This silhouette is of a vulture which is a large raptor, black scavenger, with broad wings, and a naked head. Turkey Vultures soar with their wings curved

Turkey Vulture



Coopers Hawk



### BIRDS COMMONLY FOUND IN THE PARK SYSTEM

Some of the birds found in the regional park are; Mourning Doves, Roadrunners, Red-tailed Hawks, Ravens, Gila Woodpeckers, Gambel's Quail, Cactus Wrens (Arizona's state bird) Northern Cardinals, Turkey Vultures, and Great Horned Owls. You may also find many varieties of hummingbirds, sparrows,

Great Horned Owl



### WILDLIFE OFTEN SEEN IN THE PARKS :

Mule Deer, Coyotes, Javelina, Rabbits, Raccoons, Skunks, Kangaroo Rats, Pocket mice, Gophers, Kit Foxes, Blacktailed Jack Rabbits and Squirrels. Occasionally Bobcats, Mountain Lions, and Badgers are seen in the parks.



Gila Monster

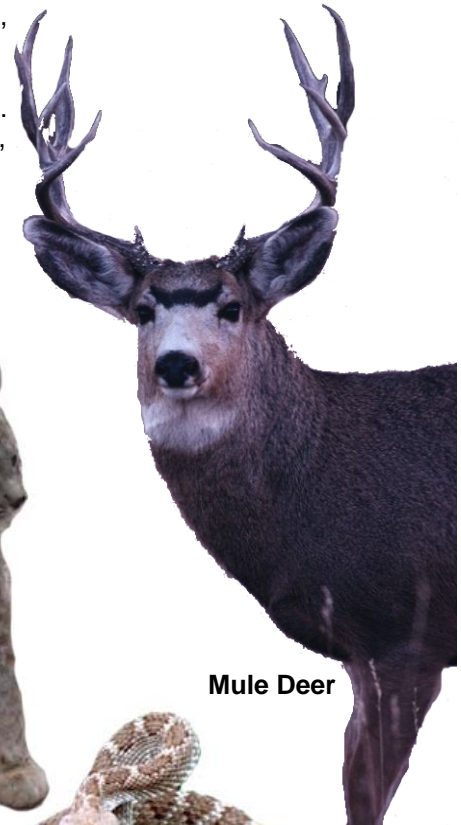
### REPTILES, INSECTS, AND SPIDERS YOU MAY ENCOUNTER

Always keep an eye out for rattlesnakes, both Western Diamondbacks, and Mohaves are found in the parks. You may get to see a Desert Tortoise, Gila Monster, Coral and Gopher snakes, wasps, bees, ants, scorpions, Black Widow and Brown Recluse spiders, centipedes, Conenose bugs, and tarantulas.

Bobcat



Mule Deer



Coyote



Javelina

- How to Avoid Being Bitten by a Snake**
1. Always make sure that you can see where you are putting your hands and feet. Never reach up where you cannot see, a snake may be sunning on the ledge.
  2. Give a snake a chance to get away from you.
  3. When going out hiking in snake country, wear proper clothing such as heavy boots and loose-fitting pants which fit over the boot tops.



Western Diamondback Rattlesnake

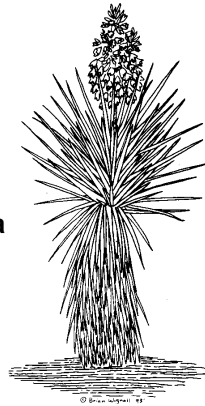


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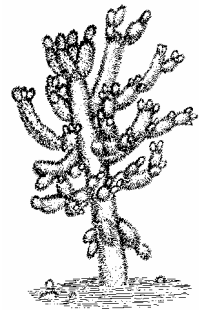
## Flora common to the Maricopa County Park System



Torrey Yucca



Brittlebush



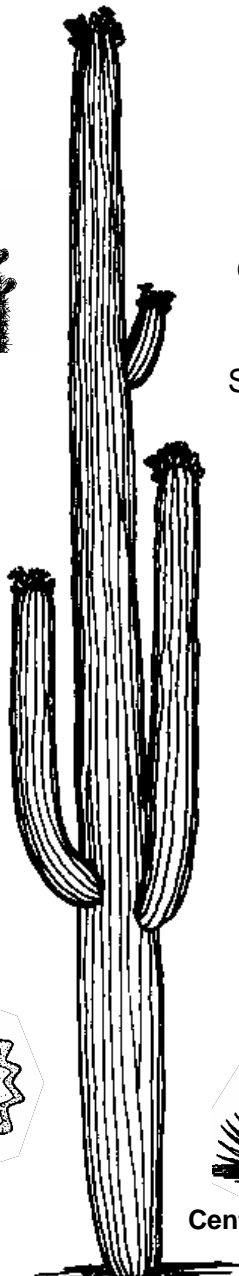
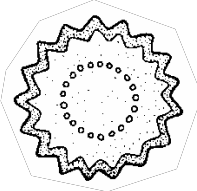
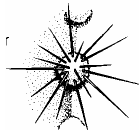
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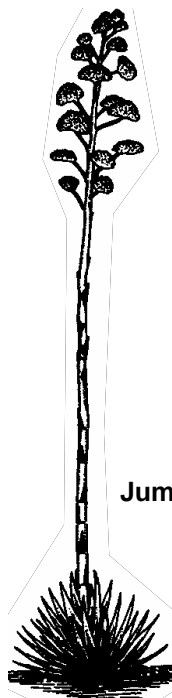
Creosote Bush

### FLORA COMMON TO THE SONORAN DESERT

Growing within the parks are Palo Verde and Ironwood Trees; Hedgehog, Prickly Pear, Saguaro, Pincushion, and Barrel Cacti. Some of the wildflowers found in the Park are; Lupine, Poppy, Fairy Duster. Watch for the flowers on the Brittlebush and Creosote.



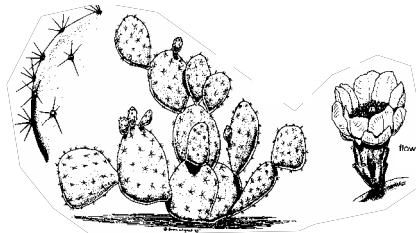
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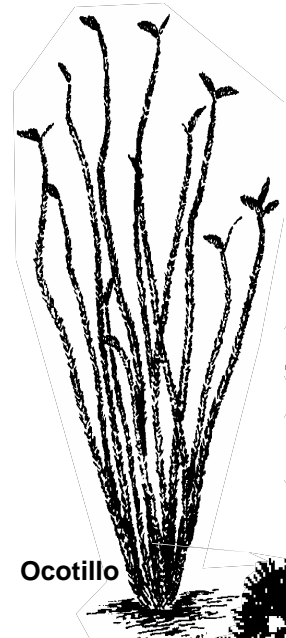
Jumping Cholla



Barrel Cactus



Prickly Pear Cactus



Ocotillo



Hedgehog Cactus

Century Plant/Desert Agave

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