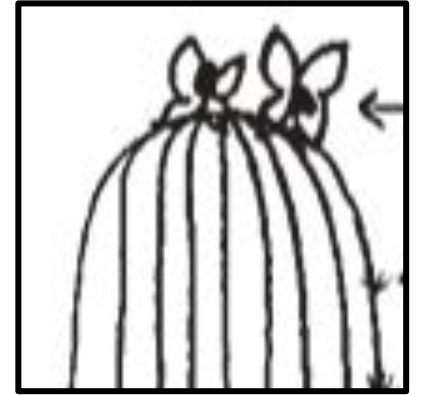


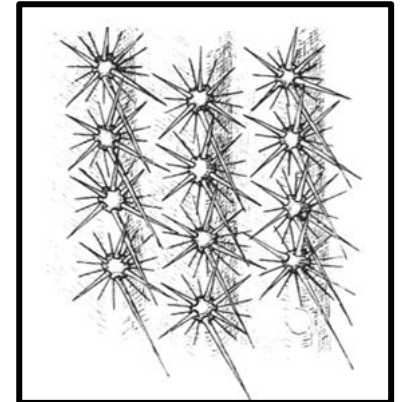
## **crown**

The top of the saguaro.  
This is where the fruit grows.



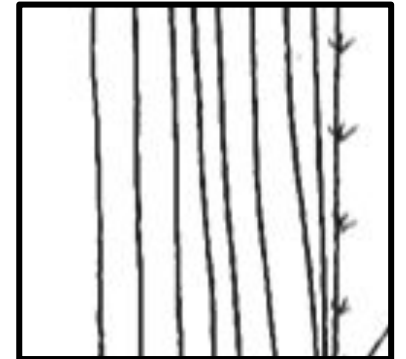
## **spines**

Special leaves that help protect  
the saguaro.



## **pleats**

The folds of a saguaro that help it expand  
to hold more water.



## rib

The woody inner part of the saguaro that helps it to stay standing.



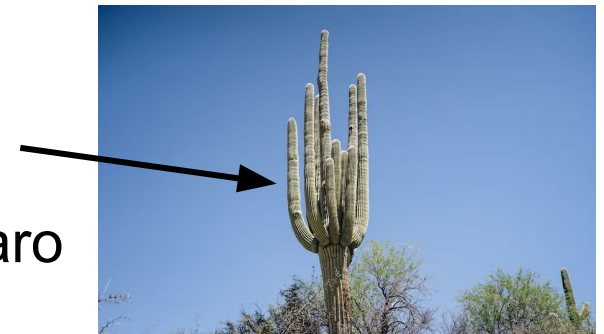
## boot

The nest of a woodpecker left after the saguaro dies.



## arms

The branches of the saguaro cactus.



# nurse-plant

A plant that helps another plant grow by giving it shade or water.



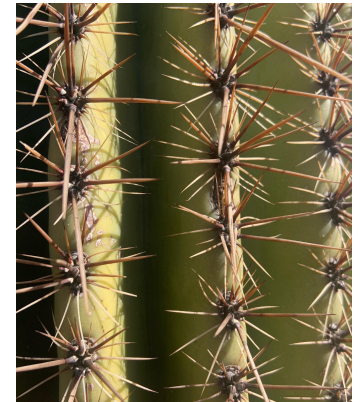
# saguaro

A large tree-like cactus that can stand up to 40 feet tall.



# structure

Anything made up of parts held together.



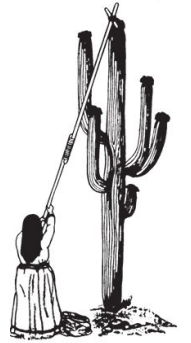
# organism

An individual plant, animal, insect, or other living thing.



# harvest

Gathering crops (like fruits and vegetables) to be eaten or used.



# survive

To stay alive.



# ecosystem

A community of all the living and nonliving things in an environment.



# Tohono O'odham

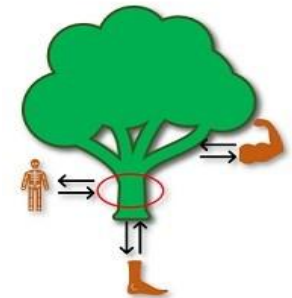
(Toe-HO-no AAH-tum): A group of Native American people living in the The Sonoran Desert. Tohono O'odham means "Desert People."

Tucson (and many surrounding towns) was built on ancestral Tohono O'odham lands.



# function

What a part of an organism does in relation to its whole.



## kuipad

(Coo-we-pod) The pole used to harvest fruit from the saguaro.



## Ha:ṣañ

(ha-shawn) The traditional Tohono O'odham name for saguaro.



## waxy

When a surface is smooth and sticky.  
Waxy skin helps the saguaro hold water in.



# roots

The part of a plant that grows underground.  
They collect water and help the plant stay in place.  
Saguaro roots are shallow and wide.