

Plant Guide to Desert View Trail, San Jacinto Mountains

Mile	S #	id?	Common Name	Latin Name	#here	#all
0.00	1		Begin guide at North jct. with Nature Loop, 0.14 miles south of Tram concrete sidewalk; elevation ~8360 feet (2548 m)			
0.00	r 1		Jeffrey pine	<i>Pinus jeffreyi</i>	30 / 9	34
0.00	1		(San Bernardino rubber rabbitbrush, <i>Chrysothamnus nauseosus</i> ssp. <i>bernardinus</i>)			
0.02	b 2		wild tarragon	<i>Artemisia dracunculus</i>	99 / 9	32
0.02	1		(white fir, <i>Abies concolor</i>)			
0.02	b 3		western wallflower	<i>Erysimum capitatum</i> ssp. <i>capitatum</i>	5 / 1	29
0.03	1		(Grinnell's beardtongue, <i>Penstemon grinnellii</i> var. <i>grinnellii</i> ; Parish's snowberry, <i>Symphoricarpos rotundifolius</i> var. <i>parishii</i>)			
0.04	r		(baby wax currant, <i>Ribes cereum</i> var. <i>cereum</i>)			
	r 4		white fir	<i>Abies concolor</i>	30 / 9	32
0.10	b		Dense field of tarragon, <i>Artemisia dracunculus</i> , due to leach field of septic tank from Tram restrooms			
0.10	r		Manhole cover			
0.12	r 5		San Bernardino rubber rabbitbrush	<i>Chrysothamnus nauseosus</i> ssp. <i>bernardinus</i>	20 / 9	28
0.13			Trail curves right and begins climbing			
0.20	1		(curl-leaf mountain-mahogany, <i>Cercocarpus ledifolius</i>)			
0.23			Y-jct: go left to first Desert Overlook			
0.25	r 6		sugar pine	<i>Pinus lambertiana</i>	5 / 2	22
0.25			First Desert Overlook on saddle; return to main trail and continue on it			
0.27			Back at main trail; go left			
0.33			Trail jogs left			
0.34	1		(mountain California-fuchsia, <i>Epilobium canum</i> ssp. <i>latifolium</i> ; granite prickly phlox, <i>Leptodactylon pungens</i> ; mountain spray, <i>Holodiscus microphyllus</i> var. <i>microphyllus</i> ; in drainage above trail)			
0.35			(San Jacinto Mts. Keckiella, <i>Keckiella rothrockii</i> var. <i>jacintensis</i>)			
0.35	1 7		San Jacinto lupine	<i>Lupinus hyacinthinus</i>	5 / 1	13
0.35	b 8		San Jacinto Mts. keckiella	<i>Keckiella rothrockii</i> var. <i>jacintensis</i>	5 / 1	12
0.38	1		Unusual rock formation, with balanced boulders and large depressions in rocks			
0.38			Y-jct: go left to second Desert Overlook			
0.42			Second Desert Overlook on saddle; high point on trail, elevation 8480 feet (2585 m); great views into Palm, Long Valley and Tahquitz Canyons; return to main trail and continue on it			

0.45			Back at main trail; go left			
0.47			Highest point on main trail; elevation ~8470 feet (2582 m)			
0.56			Y-jct: go left to minor overlook			
0.57			Minor overlook; (canyon live oak, <i>Quercus chrysolepis</i> , ahead); return to trail			
0.58			Back at main trail; go left			
0.62	1		(lodgepole pine, <i>Pinus contorta</i> ssp. <i>murrayana</i>)			
0.64	r 9		curl-leaf mountain-mahogany	<i>Cercocarpus ledifolius</i>	5 / 2	4
0.66	r 10		granite prickly phlox	<i>Leptodactylon pungens</i>	1 / 1	15
0.69	r		(bush chinquapin, <i>Chrysolepis sempervirens</i>)			
0.70	r		(rose sage, <i>Salvia pachyphylla</i>)			
0.72	1 11		Parish's bedstraw	<i>Galium parishii</i>	2 / 1	14
0.73	1		(canyon live oak, <i>Quercus chrysolepis</i>)			
0.74			Minor overlook very close to trail			
0.82	1 12		lodgepole pine	<i>Pinus contorta</i> ssp. <i>murrayana</i>	1 / 1	15
0.83	b 13 sp		sedge	<i>Carex</i> sp. like <i>C. fracta</i>	10 / 1	
0.83	1		(Nebraska or swamp sedge, <i>Carex nebrascensis</i> or <i>C. senta</i>)			
0.88	r		(little-leaf mock orange, <i>Philadelphus microphyllus</i>)18			
0.88	1		Jct. Nature Trail; lowest point on trail, elevation 8320 feet (2536 m). End guide; continue ahead to get back to the Tram directly			
1.17			Tram sidewalk			

Mile: 0.00 includes all mileages from 0.000 to 0.009; etc.

S: Side of trail on which the first occurrence is found: left, right, both, or center

#: On-Trail species are numbered in order of first occurrence on trail (touchable without leaving the trail). Off-trail species are in parentheses.

id?: Species without an entry in this column are positively identified. "?" means we are just guessing the identification; "sp" means the genera is probably known, but the species name is uncertain; "~" means we have 95% confidence that this is the determination, but have not yet positively identified it; "ssp" means the subspecies or variety needs to be determined.

#here gives the *minimum* number of on-trail plants of this species on this trail, with the number of locations on this trail following the /, using maximum values of 99/9. 1/1 means a single plant in a single location; 10/9 means 10 plants occurring in at least 9 locations, etc.

#all gives the number of plant trail guides, from all over southern California, that contain this taxon.

http://tchester.org/sb/plants/guides/desert_view.html

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