

Plant Guide to PCT From Little Tahquitz Trail to Zen Trail, San Jacinto Mountains

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0.00				Begin guide at jct. with Little Tahquitz Trail, just south of Little Tahquitz Meadow; elevation ~8140 feet (2481 m)			
0.00	r			Sign: "PCT (ahead); Tahquitz Valley (left); Tahquitz Peak (right)"			
0.00	b	1		white fir	<i>Abies concolor</i>	99 / 9	24
0.00	r	2		San Jacinto Mts. keckiella	<i>Keckiella rothrockii</i> var. <i>jacintensis</i>	99 / 9	6
0.00	r	3		pine lousewort	<i>Pedicularis semibarbata</i>	99 / 9	13
0.00	b	4		changeable phacelia	<i>Phacelia mutabilis</i>	30 / 9	8
0.00	l	5		sugar pine	<i>Pinus lambertiana</i>	50 / 9	17
0.00	l			(spotted coralroot, <i>Corallorhiza maculata</i>)			
0.01	b	6		Parish's snowberry	<i>Symphoricarpos rotundifolius</i> var. <i>parishii</i>	50 / 9	12
0.01	l	7	~	dead pinegrove groundsmoke	<i>Gayophytum oligospermum</i>	99 / 5	
0.01	l			(southern mountain-monardella, <i>Monardella australis</i> ; Jeffrey pine, <i>Pinus jeffreyi</i>)			
0.02	l	8		bush chinquapin	<i>Chrysolepis sempervirens</i>	50 / 9	12
0.02	l	9		Jeffrey pine	<i>Pinus jeffreyi</i>	50 / 9	26
0.03				Trail curves right at ridge			
0.03	l			(ranger's buttons, <i>Sphenosciadium capitellatum</i>)			
0.03	l	10		Scouler's willow	<i>Salix scouleriana</i>	1 / 1	8
0.03	l			(western columbine, <i>Aquilegia formosa</i> ; tall mannagrass, <i>Glyceria elata</i>)			
0.03	r			(white catch-fly, <i>Silene verecunda</i> ssp. <i>platyota</i>)			
0.08				Trail turns left to cross south fork of Tahquitz Creek			
0.08	l			(wax currant, <i>Ribes cereum</i> var. <i>cereum</i> ; brittle bladder fern, <i>Cystopteris fragilis</i>)			
0.08	l	11		Idaho bentgrass	<i>Agrostis idahoensis</i>	5 / 1	7
0.08	b	12		fragile sheath sedge	<i>Carex fracta</i>	10 / 1	11
0.08	b	13		larger mountain monkeyflower	<i>Mimulus tilingii</i>	20 / 1	9
0.08				Cross Creek			

0.08	r		(bigleaf lupine, <i>Lupinus polyphyllus</i> var. <i>burkei</i> ; musk monkeyflower, <i>Mimulus moschatus</i> ; small white violet, <i>Viola macloskeyi</i>)		
0.08	l	14	ranger's buttons	<i>Sphenosciadium capitellatum</i>	1 / 1 7
0.08	r		(swamp sedge, <i>Carex senta</i>)		
0.09	l	15	wax currant	<i>Ribes cereum</i> var. <i>cereum</i>	20 / 9 15
0.09	r	16 ~	San Gabriel beardtongue	<i>Penstemon labrosus</i>	10 / 3 10
0.10	r	17	Ross' sedge	<i>Carex rossii</i>	5 / 3
0.13			Trail turns left at drainage		
0.13	r		(mountain pink currant, <i>Ribes nevadense</i>)		
0.21	r		(little prince's pine, <i>Chimaphila menziesii</i>)		
0.22	r	18	western wallflower	<i>Erysimum capitatum</i> ssp. <i>capitatum</i>	40 / 4 23
0.22			Cross drainage		
0.23	r	19 ~	Cascade onion	<i>Allium cratericola</i>	99 / 9
0.23	r	20	southern mountain-monardella	<i>Monardella australis</i>	10 / 3 11
0.23	r		definite San Gabriel beardtongue	<i>Penstemon labrosus</i>	/
0.27	b	21	limber pine	<i>Pinus flexilis</i>	30 / 9 9
0.28	r	22	little prince's pine	<i>Chimaphila menziesii</i>	8 / 2 5
0.29	r		Check for different small Carex		
0.29	b	23	lodgepole pine	<i>Pinus contorta</i> ssp. <i>murrayana</i>	10 / 5 9
0.29			Cross drainage		
0.29	r	24	Suksdorf's monkeyflower	<i>Mimulus suksdorfii</i>	50 / 1
0.29	r	25	San Jacinto buckwheat	<i>Eriogonum apiculatum</i>	20 / 3
0.30	b	26	naked buckwheat	<i>Eriogonum nudum</i> var. <i>pauciflorum</i>	99 / 9 7
0.30	e	27	Brewer's monkeyflower	<i>Mimulus breweri</i>	50 / 1
0.32	r		(pussy paws, <i>Calyptidium monospermum</i>)		
0.33	l		(green-leaf manzanita, <i>Arctostaphylos patula</i>)		
0.33			Trail turns right at ridge		
0.34	r	28	Sierra Nevada lotus	<i>Lotus nevadensis</i> var. <i>nevadensis</i>	2 / 2 9
0.34	r	29	broad-seeded rock-cress	<i>Arabis platysperma</i>	5 / 2
0.38			Cross small drainage		

2.24	r	74	*downy brome	<i>Bromus tectorum</i>	99 / 9	0.40		Cross small drainage		
2.27	r	75	rock buckwheat	<i>Eriogonum saxatile</i>	10 / 2	0.43	r 30	San Jacinto lupine	<i>Lupinus hyacinthinus</i>	20 / 9 7
2.27	r	76	slender everlasting	<i>Gnaphalium canescens ssp. thermale</i>	3 / 3	0.47		Cross ridge with view rock to left		
2.28	r	77	canyon dudleya	<i>Dudleya cymosa ssp. pumila</i>	5 / 2	0.50	b 31	pussy paws	<i>Calyptridium monospermum</i>	20 / 1 8
2.28	r	?	(Poa secunda?)			0.50	l 32	western needlegrass	<i>Achnatherum occidentale ssp. occidentale</i>	5 / 2 2
2.29	r	78	chaparral whitethorn	<i>Ceanothus leucodermis</i>	5 / 5	0.53	r	Sierra mousetail, <i>Ivesia santolinoides</i>		
2.31	r	79	California bee plant	<i>Scrophularia californica ssp. floribunda</i>	10 / 3	0.56	l 33	mountain mugwort	<i>Artemisia ludoviciana ssp. incompta</i>	30 / 3 1
		80	purple nightshade	<i>Solanum xanti</i>	/	0.56	r	(squirreltail, <i>Elymus elymoides</i>)		
2.34			Switchback right on ridge			0.56	r 34 sp	different grass	<i>Poaceae sp.</i>	/
2.35	r	81	bush monkeyflower	<i>Mimulus aurantiacus</i>	5 / 2	0.57		Cross small drainage		
2.43	r	82	Wright's buckwheat	<i>Eriogonum wrightii var. membranaceum</i>	20 / 3	0.60		Trail curves right at ridge		
2.52			Saddle below Red Tahquitz; elevation 7840' (2390 m)			0.62		Trail curves left at drainage		
2.53	l	83	blue elderberry	<i>Sambucus mexicana</i>	10 / 9	0.63	r 35	green-leaf manzanita	<i>Arctostaphylos patula</i>	30 / 9 17
2.53	l	84	Fremont's goosefoot	<i>Chenopodium fremontii</i>	20 / 1	0.64	r 36	Watson's spike-moss	<i>Selaginella watsonii</i>	3 / 1 5
2.54	r	85 ~	California brickellbush	<i>Brickellia californica</i>	10 / 3	0.71		Cross small drainage		
2.54	r	86 sp	white-bark raspberry?	<i>Rubus leucodermis?</i>	5 / 2	0.76		Trail turns left and then curves right		
2.56	r	87 sp	penstemon	<i>Penstemon sp.</i>	/	0.77	37	forest goosefoot	<i>Chenopodium atrovirens</i>	5 / 1
2.65			Saddle #2 below Red Tahquitz			0.78	r	Jct. use trail to Red Tahquitz; elevation 8320' (2536 m)		
2.67	r	88 sp	California thistle?	<i>Cirsium occidentale var. californicum?</i>	1 / 1	0.80	l	(Saddle and view rock beyond)		
2.67	b	89	bristly bird's beak	<i>Cordylanthus rigidus ssp. setigerus</i>	50 / 9	0.81	l	(mountain whitethorn, <i>Ceanothus cordulatus</i>)		
2.74	r	90 sp	Mojave lomatium?	<i>Lomatium mohavense?</i>	/	0.82		First of many minor local high points		
2.75			Cross Saddle #3 (below 7900' peak) to west side of Desert Divide; elevation ~7750' (2362 m)			0.84		Cross small drainage		
2.76			Switchback right			0.89		Cross small drainage		
2.80			Switchback left			0.90		Cross small drainage		
2.88			Local high point; elevation ~7600' (2316 m)			1.14	r	Land of big boulders		
2.88			End current trail guide			1.19	l	(rose sage, <i>Salvia pachyphylla</i> ; San Bernardino rubber rabbitbrush, <i>Chrysothamnus nauseosus ssp. bernardinus</i> ; Wright's buckwheat, <i>Eriogonum wrightii var. subscaposum</i> ; goldenrod, <i>Solidago californica</i> ; granite prickly phlox, <i>Leptodactylon pungens</i> ; Martin's paintbrush, <i>Castilleja applegatei ssp. martinii</i>)		
http://tchester.org/sb/plants/guides/pct_lt_zen.html						1.20	r	First glimpse of top of rock wall that we'll round later		
Updated 26 June 2011.						1.20		Cross small saddle		
						1.21	l 38	pinedrops	<i>Pterospora andromedea</i>	1 / 1 11

