

Sowing Native Grasses in Pasture

The Sweetwater Center is reestablishing native perennial grasses in Saguaro Juniper's lowland pasture. This will provide habitat for grassland species, broaden the diversity of these areas, and improve connections between riparian zones along the San Pedro and native rangelands on the hills above.

A crew assembled to sow native grasses July 30, 2013, after monsoon rains softened the ground.



The crew sowed seeds by hand.



A truck stood in for a tractor and pulled the harrow to cover the seeds.



A good stand of grasses—and a few summer weeds—was coming up by August 20, 2013.

