

Camp Creek Native Plant Project

FY 2008 Accomplishments

We have continued to gather seed from local native plants this year, returning to sites where we successfully gathered seeds last year. Tucson Plant Materials Center sent us a list of cleaned seed and approximate number of plants they expect to be able to produce from each species. We focused on only a few species this year: *Mirabilis coccinea*, *Mirabilis multiflora*, *Aristolochia watsonii*, *Solanum xanti*, and *Glandularia gooddingii*.

We worked with Desert Survivors Nursery, a privately owned non-profit nursery in Tucson, to determine which species they will grow out. After this was decided, we did a requisition for this work at an agreed-upon price.

In order to be able to remove the invasive species with herbicides, we need to have the Tonto EA for Integrated Treatment of Exotic Invasive Species approved. The Noxious Weed Program Manager wrote a Biological Assessment & Evaluation, which is now being reviewed by USFWS. We hope to have a decision by spring of 2009 so that we can apply herbicide, to be ready for planting by Fall of 2009.



Rhus trilobata seed gathered for the project..



Vinca major has taken over the riparian area in Camp Creek Wash.

Year Awarded: 2007

Project completion: 2009

Report number: 2 of 3

Expenditures:

- FY07 funding: \$43,000
- Spent in 07 & 08: \$33,000
- Remaining: \$10,000

Partners/Contractors/Coop: NRCS, Desert Survivors Nursery

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