

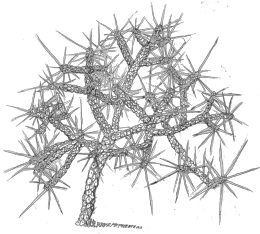
Plants identified along the  
Nature Trail of SKY'S THE LIMIT  
Observatory and Nature Center

- 1. Creosote Bush
- 2. Dead Cactus
- 3. Teddy Bear Cholla
- 4. Smoke Tree
- 5. Mojave Yucca
- 6. Catclaw
- 7. Desert Senna
- 8. Palo Verde
- 9. Ocotillo
- 10. Foxtail Cactus
- 11. Brittlebush
- 12. Paperbag Bush
- 13. Spiny Menodora
- 14. Old Man Cactus
- 15. Pencil Cholla
- 16. Pancake Cactus
- 17. Jojoba
- 18. Bladderpod
- 19. White Ratany
- 20. Peach Thorn
- 21. Beavertail Cactus
- 22. Calico Cactus
- 23. Fishhook Cactus
- 24. Golden Cholla
- 25. Barrel Cactus
- 26. Burrobush
- 27. Cottontop Cactus
- 28. Engelmann Prickly Pear
- 29. Turpentine Broom
- 30. Desert Tea
- 31. Desert Mallow
- 32. Parish's Goldeneye
- 33. Cheesebush

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DESERT SENNA  
*Senna armata*  
by Anne Lear



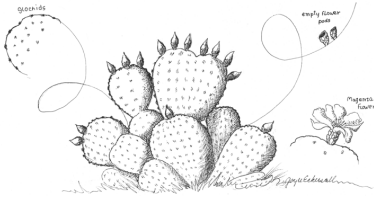
PENCIL CHOLLA  
*Cylindropuntia (Opuntia) ramosissima*  
by Jerry McPheeters



MOJAVE YUCCA  
*Yucca schidigera*  
by Darlene Morris



CREOSOTE BUSH  
*Larrea tridentata*  
by Katholeen Perry



BEAVERTAIL  
*Opuntia basilaris*  
by Joyce Eckersall



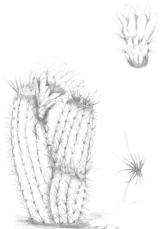
SKY'S THE LIMIT  
WELCOME  
CENTER



WHITE RATANY  
*Krameria bicolor*  
by Lore Bergey



CATCLAW  
*Senegalia greggii*  
by Shirley James



CALICO CACTUS  
*Echinocereus engelmannii*  
by Dorothy Knight



JOJOBA  
*Simmondsia chinensis*  
by Naomi Rios



SILVER or GOLDEN CHOLLA  
*Cylindropuntia (Opuntia) echinocarpa*  
by Dorothy Knight



BARREL CACTUS  
*Ferocactus cylindraceus*  
by Gabrielle von Kahrs



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An Alluvial Fan Plant Community

SKY'S THE LIMIT is located on  
an alluvial fan at an elevation of  
2800 feet, standing on soil of coarse  
decomposed granite mixed with  
finer soils – material washed down  
from the mountains to the sandy  
washes, the alluvial fan supports a  
community of plants adapted to  
harsh desert conditions. These  
plants are able to survive in an  
environment of little rainfall,  
intense sunlight, temperature  
extremes, low humidity, and drying  
winds.

The plants around you are part of  
the creosote bush scrub plant  
community. The Creosote Bush is the  
dominant shrub here. It is  
widespread throughout the Mojave  
and Colorado Deserts at elevations  
below 3500 feet. Generally,  
companion shrubs include  
Burrobush and Krameria. In some  
areas these 3 make up the majority.  
But here there is a broad variety of  
shrubs, vines, and grasses.

Perennial shrubs include the  
Mojave Yucca, Jojoba, Catclaw,  
Desert Senna, Paperbag Bush,  
Cheesebush, Spiny Menodora, and  
Bladderpod.

Cacti include the Golden Cholla,  
Pencil Cholla, Pancake Cactus,  
Barrel, Foxtail, Calico, and Fishhook.  
A nice specimen of the rare Dead  
Cactus (*Grusonia*) grows at the  
beginning of the nature trail.

Text: Darrell Shade. Front panel  
illustration: *Teddy-Bear Cholla*, original  
watercolor by Pat Flynn-Zawojski  
especially for SKY'S THE LIMIT *Living Gift  
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