



Mammal Monitoring in Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument in 2026 (*Preliminary Results*)

Sonoran Desert Network scientists deployed and retrieved 61 wildlife cameras in Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument in 2026. Cameras were active between March 12 and April 27.

- We documented **13 species** of mammals throughout the park (**Table 1**).
- We obtained **fewer photos** this year than in 2023–2025. In part, this is likely due to insensitive lenses in our new batch of cameras. We plan to resolve this issue with the camera manufacturer.
- **One community science volunteer** assisted with data collection this year.
- View the Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument 2026 [wildlife photo highlights](#) online.

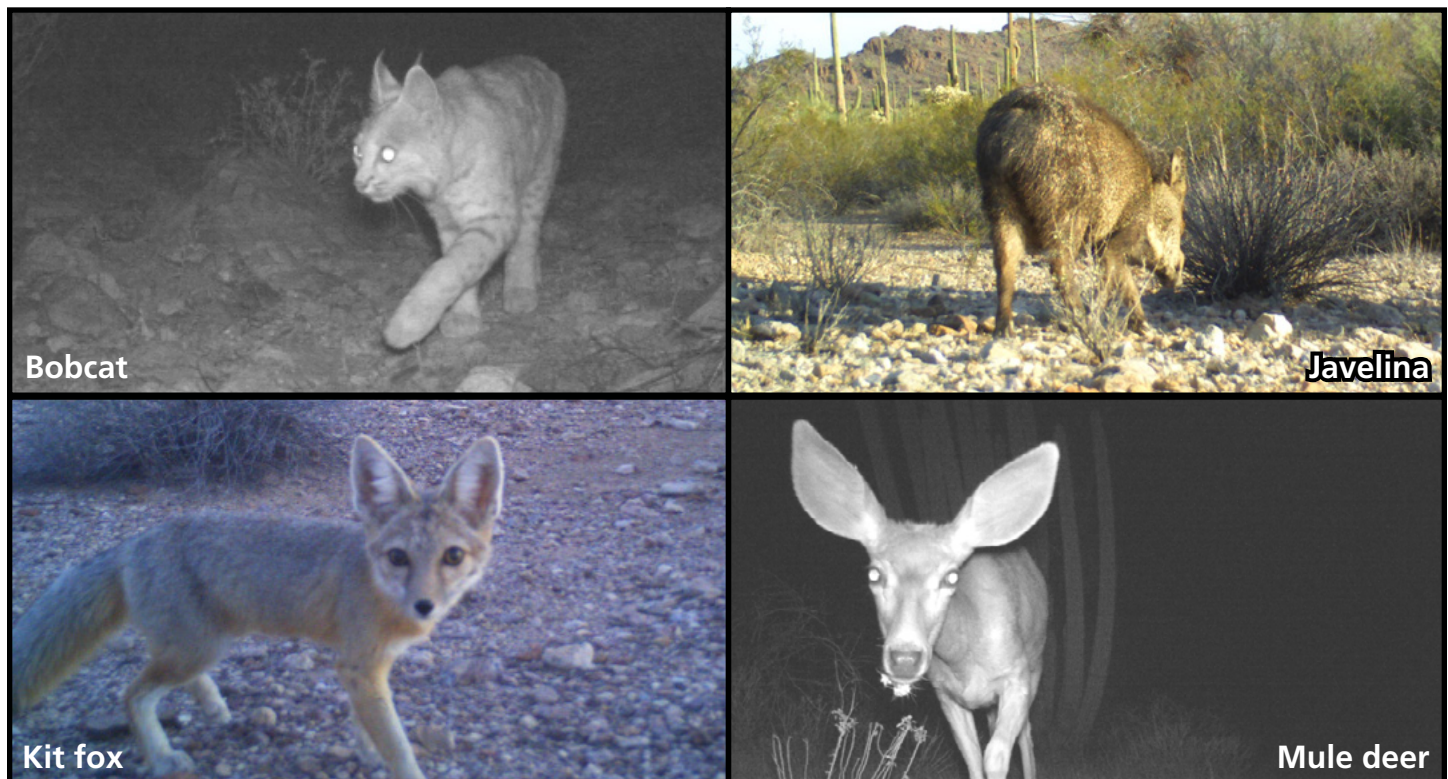


Figure 1. ORPI wildlife camera photos, 2026.

What's Next?

If we obtained enough photos, we will use these data to model occupancy for select large and medium-sized mammals in the park, and we will share any important results. Our previous [wildlife monitoring reports](#) can be found on the [Sonoran Desert Network website](#). We will return to the park to deploy cameras again in March 2027.

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Table 1. **PRELIMINARY RESULTS.** Mammal species documented in Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument in 2026 and the number of cameras (out of 61) that photographed each species. We are excited to have captured photos of Sonoran pronghorn on our cameras.

Mammal Species	Number of Cameras (Out of 61)
black-tailed jackrabbit (<i>Lepus californicus</i>)	13
coyote (<i>Canis latrans</i>)	8
common gray fox (<i>Urocyon cinereoargenteus</i>)	7
kit fox (<i>Vulpes macrotis</i>)	5
mule deer (<i>Odocoileus hemionus</i>)	5
desert cottontail (<i>Sylvilagus audubonii</i>)	4
white-tailed deer (<i>Odocoileus virginianus</i>)	3
bobcat (<i>Lynx rufus</i>)	2
Sonoran pronghorn (<i>Antilocapra americana sonoriensis</i>)	2
American badger (<i>Taxidea taxus</i>)	1
bighorn sheep (<i>Ovis canadensis</i>)	1
collared peccary (<i>Pecari tajacu</i>)	1
rock squirrel (<i>Otospermophilus variegatus</i>)	1

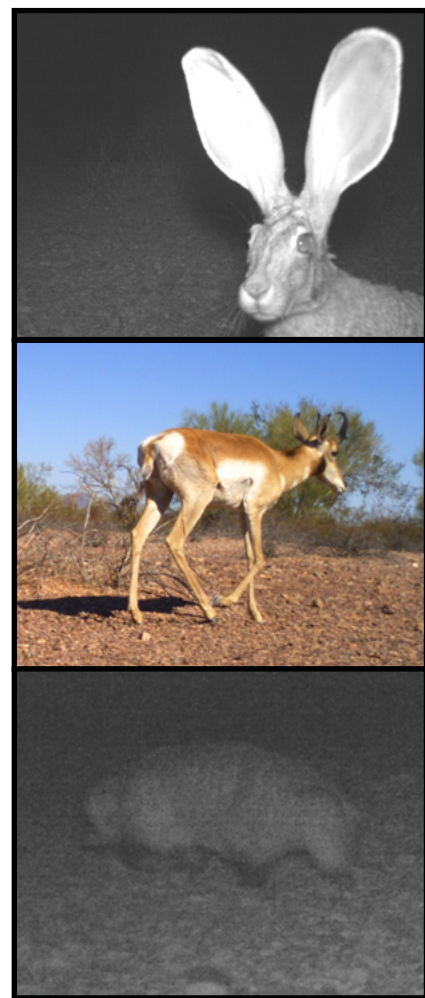


Figure 2. ORPI wildlife camera photos, 2026. Top to bottom: black-tailed jackrabbit, Sonoran pronghorn, American badger.

