

I see the constructiveness of my race,
I see the results of the perseverance and industry of my race,
I see ranks, colors, barbarisms, civilizations,
I go among them, I mix indiscriminately,
And I salute all the inhabitants of the earth.

Walt Whitman
"Salut au Monde!" Part 10

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Bleak conditions characterize restoration sites in the Colorado Desert area of the western Sonoran Desert in Southern California. Here researchers with the Systems Ecology Research Group at San Diego University are devising techniques for establishing vegetation on sites that receive less than 12.5 cm. of rainfall annually, and that are also subject to an array of discouraging influences that include temperature extremes, intense herbivory, erosion and frequent sandblasting. The tank to the left (back cover) holds water for irrigation. An update and review of recent work in this area begins on page 3.

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