

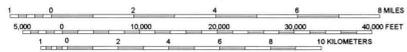
Geologic Map of the Mesa 30' x 60' Quadrangle, East-Central Arizona

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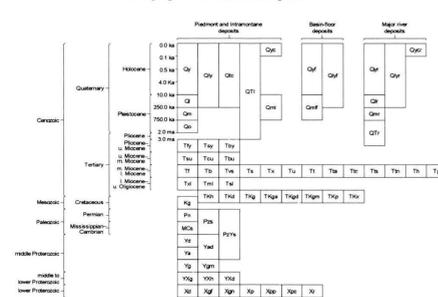
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Stratigraphic Correlation Diagram



EXPLANATION

Map Units

Quaternary sedimentary deposits

- Qyc Channel deposits of ephemeral streams (late Holocene)—Deposits consist of stratified sand, silt, pebbles, cobbles, and boulders, with little or no soil development.
 - Qy Low terrace and alluvial-fan deposits (Holocene)—Deposits consist of poorly sorted silt, sand, pebbles, cobbles, and boulders, with weak soil development.
 - Qtc Hillside deposits, talus and colluvium (Holocene and Pleistocene)—Deposits of angular gravel, colluvium has clay, silt, and sand matrix, soil development variable.
 - Qc Moderately dissected alluvial fan and terrace deposits (late Pleistocene)—Deposits typically consist of sand to cobbles, silt clay accumulation and modest reddening.
 - Qy Holocene and late Pleistocene alluvial deposits, undivided.
 - Qc Dissected alluvial-fan and terrace deposits (middle Pleistocene)—Coarse, cobbly deposits are with some finer sediment; moderate soil clay accumulation and reddening.
 - Qm Late and middle Pleistocene alluvial deposits, undivided.
 - Qd Deeply dissected alluvial remnants (early Pleistocene)—Coarse, poorly sorted cobbly and bouldery deposits; soils have petrocalcic horizons, variable clay content.
- #### Basin-Floor Deposits
- Qf Fine-grained alluvial-fan and terrace deposits (Holocene)—Deposits consist of sand, silt, and fine gravel; minimal soil development.
 - Qd Interfingering fine-grained Holocene and late Pleistocene deposits.
 - Qf Fine-grained relic alluvial-fan and terrace deposits (late to middle Pleistocene)—Deposits consist of sand, silt, clay, and fine gravel; substantial soil clay accumulation.
- #### Eolian Deposits
- Qa Eolian sand dunes (middle to late Holocene)—Deposits consist of well-sorted sand.
- #### Major-River Deposits
- Qyr Modern channel deposits of the Gila, Salt, and Santa Cruz rivers (late Holocene)—Deposits consist of sand, cobbles, and boulders; no soil development.
 - Qy Floodplain and low terrace deposits (Holocene)—Deposits consist of coarse channel gravels and sand to silt overbank deposits; minimal to weak soil development.
 - Qc Late Pleistocene to Holocene terrace deposits, undivided.
 - Qy Moderately high/moderately dissected terrace deposits (late Pleistocene)—Deposits typically are cobbly with finer layers; moderate soil clay and carbonate development.
 - Qc High, dissected terrace deposits (middle Pleistocene)—Deposits are cobbly with minor sandy, silty layers; strong soil carbonate and moderate clay development.

Symbols

- Invasive or depositional contact
- High-angle fault, showing dip, ball on downthrown side
- Low-angle normal fault, ticks on hanging-wall block
- Low-angle fault, nature uncertain
- Potassium-argon or ⁴⁰Ar/³⁹Ar radiometric date
- Bedding upright ⁶⁰ horizontal ⁶⁰ overturned
- Fault with lineation in granitoids and metamorphic rocks, compositional layering in gneiss ⁷¹ vertical
- Eudialytic foliation in welded tuffs, flow foliation in lava flows ²¹
- Dikes: Felsic ¹⁰ intermediate ¹⁰ mafic ¹⁰
- Pegmatite ¹⁰ Quartz vein ¹⁰
- Minor fold hinge
- Mine dump, tailings, and slag ¹⁰

Quaternary to upper Tertiary sedimentary units

- QTI Landslide deposits north of Superior (early Pleistocene to Pliocene)
 - QTI Very old, high, degraded remnant terrace deposits along major rivers (early Pleistocene to late Pleistocene)—Deposits are cobbly to bouldery with strong soil carbonate development.
- ### Tertiary sedimentary and volcanic units
- Tby Younger basalt (Pliocene to late Miocene)—Scattered basalt outcrops in the Florence area dated at one location at 8.0 ± 0.3 Ma
 - Ty Younger felsic volcanic rocks (Pliocene to late Miocene)—A single outcrop area of slightly younger sediments (Pliocene to late Miocene)
 - Tbu Basalt, upper unit (late to middle Miocene)
 - Tbc Conglomerate (late to middle Miocene)
 - Tsu Sandstone (late to middle Miocene)
 - Tf Felsic to intermediate volcanic rocks (middle to early Miocene)
 - Tl Tuff and bedded pyroclastic deposits (middle to early Miocene)
 - Tla Apache Leap tuff (Miocene, ~18.6 Ma)
 - Tlc Tuff of Comet Peak tuff (Miocene, ~18.6 Ma)
 - Tls Supertuff tuff (Miocene, ~18.6 Ma)
 - Tst Breccia associated with the Supertuff tuff (Miocene, ~18.6 Ma)—Probably the product of collapse of caldera walls during eruption and caldera subsidence.
 - Tt Tuff of North Butte (Miocene, ~19.0 Ma)
 - Tb Basalt (middle to early Miocene)
 - Tv Volcanic rocks, undivided (middle to early Miocene)
 - Tvs Volcanic-to-siltstone and bedded pyroclastic rocks (middle to early Miocene)
 - Ts Clastic sedimentary rocks (middle to early Miocene)
 - Tk Rock avalanche breccia (middle to early Miocene)
 - Tv Volcanic and sedimentary rocks, undivided (middle to early Miocene)
 - Tm Mafic to intermediate volcanic rocks, lower unit (early Miocene or Oligocene)
 - Tcl Clastic sedimentary rocks, lower unit (early Miocene or Oligocene)—Rocks of this unit have been mapped as Whitetail Conglomerate.
 - Tkl Rock avalanche breccia, lower unit (early Miocene or Oligocene)
- ### Tertiary intrusive rock units
- Tg Hypabyssal intrusive rocks (middle to early Miocene)—Dikes, dike swarms, and irregular shallow-level intrusions.
 - Tg Granite and granitoids (middle to early Miocene)—South Mountain granitoid and granite stock north of Superior.

Laramide (late Cretaceous to early Tertiary) granitoids

- TKh Hypabyssal porphyry (late Cretaceous to early Tertiary)
- TKga Aplite (late Cretaceous to early Tertiary)
- TKd Diorite (late Cretaceous to early Tertiary)
- TKg Granite and granitoids (late Cretaceous to early Tertiary)
- TKgd Granitoid (late Cretaceous to early Tertiary)
- TKg Muscovite granite (late Cretaceous to early Tertiary)
- TKp Porphyritic granite (late Cretaceous to early Tertiary)
- TKg Intrusive breccia (late Cretaceous to early Tertiary)
- TKp Sacaton Peak granite (late Cretaceous)

Paleozoic and middle Proterozoic sedimentary rocks and diabase

- Pn Niaco Limestone (middle Pennsylvanian)
- MCs Carbonate and clastic strata (Cambrian to Mississippian)—Includes Cambrian Boles Quartzite, Cambrian Arizo Formation, Upper Devonian Martin Limestone, and Mississippian
- Pzq Quartzite and carbonate rocks (Paleozoic)
- Yd Apache diabase (middle Proterozoic)
- Ya Apache Group and Troy Quartzite (middle Proterozoic)
- Yd Apache diabase and Apache Group, undivided (middle Proterozoic)
- Pxvs Metasedimentary rocks, undivided (Paleozoic or middle Proterozoic)

Middle and Early Proterozoic igneous and metamorphic rock units

- Yg Oracle and related granite (middle Proterozoic)
- Ygm Mineral Mountain muscovite granite (middle Proterozoic)
- Yg Felsic granitoid, undivided (middle to early Proterozoic)
- Ygh Hornblende to hornblende gabbro (middle to early Proterozoic)
- Ygd Dioritic (middle to early Proterozoic)
- Xd Dioritic and granitoid related to Madera Diorite (early Proterozoic)
- Xgl Foliated felsic granitoid (early Proterozoic)
- Xg Estrella gneiss (early Proterozoic)—Exposed at South Mountain
- Xp Metathyolite (early Proterozoic)—Unit is exposed at Papago Buttes in northwestern corner of map area
- Xp Pinal Schist, undivided (early Proterozoic)
- Xp Pinal Schist, phyllite facies (early Proterozoic)
- Xp Pinal Schist, calc-silicate and amphibolite facies (early Proterozoic)

Tertiary to Early Proterozoic granitoids

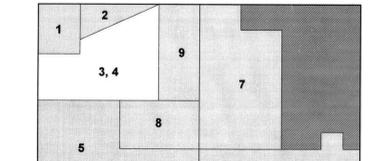
- TXg Granitic rocks (Tertiary to early Proterozoic)—Small stock exposed in North Butte Quadrangle cut by Laramide dikes.

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Figure 1. Data Sources Used in Surficial Geology Compilation



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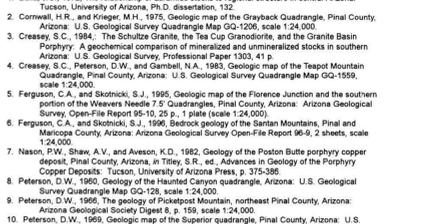
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