Identifying Groundstone Artifacts
Portable Groundstone Artifact
Non-Portable Groundstone Artifact
Natural Rock Weathering Processes
Natural Rock Formation
Natural Rock Formations with Cultural Associations

Left: Aida Icho (Wahnomkot), carrying ahngush, Yokuts burden basket.
Upper right: Ahnqushin, basket-shaped rock near the old village of Wuknaw, north of Woodlake.
Lower right: a basket-shaped rock north of the old Yokuts village of Halau, now known as Fountain Springs, east of Ducor.
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Recognizing Groundstone Artifacts

Figure 3.4: Shaping a basalt boulder in the streambed to produce a metate.
Bedrock Mortar and Bedrock Metate
Fig. 3. Rufino Ochurte, Kiliwa, grinding the spine of a desert hare into a paste for food. 1963
A Cahuilla seed gatherer beating bushes with a racquet-shaped beater. She is holding an open basket to catch seeds as they fall. When the basket is full, she places the seeds into the large basket on her back, slung in a carrying net suspended from her forehead. – SOUTHWEST MUSEUM
Portable Metate
Deep-basin Bedrock Metate

Shallow Milling “Slick” Bedrock Metate
Bedrock Mortars and Cupule Petroglyphs
Klamath Indian Groundstone Mauls And Adze Handles
Ground Stone
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Engaging Spur
And
Weight