

Locs.—Sierra Nevada (east slope or east side): Beckwith Pass, Lassen Co., *Jepson* 7761; *Jepson* 19,526; Walker Pass (2 mi. e.), *Jepson* 19,870. Cimarron Mts., Sierra Nevada: Volcano Creek, Tuolumne Co., *Bailey* 5459; Lloyd Mds., Kern River, Tulare Co., *Jepson* 4896; Piute Mts., Kern Co., C. N. Smith 165. Mohave Desert: Essex, *Jepson* 18,164; Cedar Cubes, Mid Hills, Providence Mts., *Jepson* 18,248; Kessel Peak, Ivanpah Mts., *Jepson* 15,828; Tuckihi Palms, *Jepson* 5969; Calico Wash, Carrizo Mts., *Jepson* 17,220; Burstone, *Jepson* 5397; between Johannesburg and Atolia, *Jepson* 19,524; Saltville, *Jepson* 19,507; Mohave sta., Heller 7764; near Cajon Pass, *Jepson* 6126; Antelope Valley, *Davy* 229. Range bordering the westerly sides of the Mohave Desert: Bisbee sta., Tehachapi Mts., *Dudley* 459; Cuyama Valley, sc. San Luis Obispo Co., *Austin* 1583; Mt. Pinos, Ventura Co., *Hall* 6578; Mt. Wilson, San Gabriel Mts., *Purvis* 174; Bear Valley, San Bernardino Mts., *Hall*; Western Colorado Desert, Pleasant Valley, Hexie Mt., n. of Indie, *Clary* 1170; San Felipe, e. San Diego Co., *T. Brandegee*; Mountain Springs grade, Orcutt; Signal Mt., *T. Brandegee*.

Var. *hispidula*, Mebr. Herbage conspicuously and coarsely spreading-bristly.—Mesa or montane flats or slopes, 2500 to 10,000 feet; Sierra Nevada on east slope from eastern Nevada Co. to Inyo Co.; Sierra Nevada on west slope in Tulare and Kern Co., but only in high easterly valleys or on high easterly peaks; central Mohave Desert.

Locs.—Sierra Nevada (e. slope): Brenero, e. Nevada Co., Sonne 483; Casa Diablo, Mono Co., Conestoga; Centennial Flat, ne. of Coso Mts., Inyo Co., Bremer 31; Horsehoe Mdw., Cottonwood Creek, w. Inyo Co., *Jepson* 944. Southern Sierra Nevada in Tulare and Kern Co.: South Fork Mohave Desert: Jimenez sta., *Jepson* 15,864.

Refs.—*GREENHOCHLADES CIRCUMSCISSA*, Rydb., Bull. Torr. Club 36:677 (1899); *Jepson*, Man. 840 (1925). *Lithospermum circumscissum* H. & A., Bot. Beech 370 (1840), type loc. Snake Port, Snake River, Idaho, Tolmie. *Piptocalyx circumscissa* Tort., Wata, Bot. King 24 (1871). *Eriogonum circumscissum* Gray, Proc. Am. Acad. 10:53 (1874). *Kryptantha circumscissa* Gray, Lc. 29:275 (1885). *Wheelerella circumscissa* Griseb., Bull. S. Cal. Acad. 5:28 (1896). *Cryptantha circumscissa* Jtn., Contrib. Gray Herb. 68:55 (1923). *Vari. hispida*, Mebr., Proc. Am. Acad. 51: 546 (1915), type loc. Mt. Whitney trail, Culbertson 242. *Cryptantha circumscissa* var. *hispida* Jtn., Lc. 19:125 (1919). *Kryptantha dichotoma* Greene, Bull. Cal. Acad. 1:206 (1885), type loc. bew. Boca and Verdi, Carroll. *Piptocalyx dichotoma* Greene, Pitt. 1:61 (1887). *Wheelerella dichotoma* Griseb., Bull. S. Cal. Acad. 5:28 (1906). *G. dichotoma*, Mebr., Lc. *Cryptantha dichotoma* Jtn., Lc. 68:55 (1923). *G. circumscissa* var. *dichotoma* *Jepson*, Man. 846 (1925).

13. CRYPTANTHA Lehm. NIEVITAS

Ours annuals, except one species perennial; some extra-limital species rarely biennials or perennials. Flowers sessile or rarely pedicelled, borne in short or elongated spikes. Calyx 5-parted to the base, as long as the corolla-tube, its lobes hirsute or bristly or both, in fruit usually closely embracing the nutlets, eventually deciduous from the stem. Corolla white, small ($\frac{1}{4}$ to 3 lines broad). Nutlets 4 or 1, sometimes 3 or 2, smooth, papillate, tuberculate or muricate, not rugose or partially so very rarely; back of nutlets not keeled or very rarely obscurely keeled; face of nutlets with a median groove from the apex to the scar near the base, the groove either open or closed and usually continued beyond the scar as a fork, the fork either open (areolate) or closed. Gynobase subulate, the nutlets attached to it from the scar half-way or wholly to the apex along the groove.—The foliage is often withered by fruiting time, sometimes by flowering time. The nutlets in one flower sometimes differ in size and sometimes in morphological character.—Species about 80, North and South America. (Greek kruptos, hidden, and anthos, flower, on account of the cleistogamous flowers in the original South American species.)

Tax. note.—The segregation of the multitudinous forms of *Cryptantha* into specific units depends upon structural differentiation in the nutlets. Such differentiating characters may be determined with satisfaction only by means of truly mature fruits, since sizes of full size, though lacking maturity, may show marked differences from fully grown nutlets, even in one individual. In those species where the normal number of nutlets is 4, some flowers may develop only 2 or 3 nutlets, or, again, where the normal number is 1, some flowers may occasionally produce 2 nutlets. Habit of the plant, form or disposition of the spikes, hairiness and size of calyx or size of corolla may sometimes furnish differentiating characters associated with nutlet characters, but only the nutlet affords the most reliable evidence in the way of specific segregation. The species of the group with winged margins to the nutlets or lanceolate margins are both constant in their characters and well-defined; such species are *Cryptantha pterocarya*, *Cryptantha holoptera*

and *Cryptantha inaequata*. The dense tufts of soft hairs on the calyces in the case of *Cryptantha barbigera* and *Cryptantha crinita* help to confirm nutlet characters in these species. Sometimes one or two of the four nutlets differ constantly in size and sometimes in shape and thus give a definite clue to the species. Such clear cases of heteromorphism distinguish species or groups of species. On the other hand, when the four nutlets are of the same size and shape, such a condition is regarded as homomorphic, even though occasionally collections may exhibit fruit in which one or two of the nutlets, due to incomplete development, may be smaller than the others, as for example in *Cryptantha ciliolata* (Bald Mt., Greenhorn Mts., C. N. Smith 204). In our species generally the nutlets in shape may be oval, triangular or oblate; the dorsal and ventral sides may be flattish, low-rounded or high-rounded. The groove on the ventral side may be elevated with a plane surface on each side extending to the lateral angles; a ventral structure of this sort is here described as convexly 2-phased.

In general the homomorphic species exhibit a great degree of fluctuating variability in the nutlets, often in shape of the nutlets, frequently in surface sculpturing, commonly as to the number, form or disposition of the tubercles or rugulations, often in the lateral angles as being acute or obtuse, often also in the width of the nutlets, its basal forking. In consequence, the attempt to fix definite limits to species in this group is necessarily with very ever-renewed uncertainties and difficulties. Certain morphological features are recognized, it would seem, to a degree that is very great. It is one's experience that each new lot of material derived from the field alters, to some extent, the limits of species as previously worked out. Where occasions of new material are very considerable, one must, in each case, revise anew. In such a revision some new units may be set up, but some old ones may be reduced. By this method a certain stability is obtained in the system. If, on the other hand, there should be an assertion of fixed limits for certain species in various groups of material just beyond these fixed boundaries would, in consequence, be used in automatically multiplying the units to an excessive degree. Holding narrowly or fixedly to the original concept of a published species, or to species limits as set forth in an initial revision, inevitably leads to an ever-lengthening file of units to be offered as new.

A. Nutlets tuberculate, papillate or muricate.

I. NUTLETS WITH OBTUSE OR ACUTE LATERAL ANGLES, NOT WINGED, THOUGH SOMETIMES WITH A MARGINAL RIDGE.

1. Nutlets normally 4 (rarely 1, 2 or 3 but always some plants in a given locality with 4 nutlets).

a. Nutlets all alike or differing very slightly in size.

Spikes loosely corymbos-paniculate or disposed in a narrow panicle or a much reduced panicle, or the spikes sometimes solitary.

Calyx-bristles straight; corolla inconspicuous ($\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{3}{8}$ line wide).

Nutlets broadly triangular-ovate; lower leaves opposite; lower San Joaquin Valley.....

1. *C. hooveri*
Nutlets ova-rostrate; leaves alternate; transmontane or mostly high eastern meadows
of Sierra Nevada.....

2. *C. ambigua*

Calyx-bristles at tips of lobes a little curved; corolla 1 to $1\frac{1}{2}$ lines broad; cent. Sierra Nevada
foothills.....

3. *C. marginata*

Spikes in clusters of 2 to 5, terminating the main branches, the clusters not branched at base, borne above the leaves (except sometimes in depauperate plants).

Bristles on calyx-lobes dense, mostly recurved, the upper ones short and equal, the lower ones longer; montane, widely distributed.....

4. *C. simulans*

Bristles or hairs on calyx-lobes straight, ascending or divergent.

Fruiting calyx $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{2}{3}$ line long; corolla $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ lines broad; clementane.

Calyx in fruit often slightly curved; nutlets triangular-ovate, the lateral angles with an evident ridge toward base.....

5. *C. muricata*

Calyx in fruit usually much surpassing nutlets; nutlets ova-rostrate, lanceolate-attenuate, the lateral angles not ridged.....

6. *C. intermedia*

Fruiting calyx 3 to 5 lines long; corolla $\frac{1}{4}$ to 1 line broad; transmontane deserts; (see also vars. under nos. 3 and 6).

Calyx-lobes conspicuously and densely villous-tufted with long white hairs; lower half of the lobes also long-bristly; flowers spicate, the fruiting spikes 1 to 5 inches long.....

7. *C. barbigera*

Calyx-lobes short-silky inside, glabrous outside but bristly on the midrib; flowers globose-capitate, the fruiting heads or spikes $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1 inch long; nutlets slender-cumcate or lanceolate-attenuate.....

8. *C. acudensis*

b. Nutlets heteromorphous (at least in most flowers).

Calyx 1 to 2 lines long, its bristles straight; transmontane deserts.

Spikes loosely flowered; ovary appressed to rachis, bearing short bristles, persistent; plants tall, with few-flowered branches.....

9. *C. diversiforme*

Spikes densely flowered; calyx more or less spreading from rachis, bearing long bristles (some exceeding lobes); deciduous; plants low, with straight branches.....*C. angustifolia*
 Calyx $\frac{1}{2}$ line long, armed with uncinate bristles; clasmontane.....*C. micromerces*

z. Nutlets solitary (rarely 2 in some flowers).

Calyx in fruit erect or spreading.
 Flowers on pedicels $\frac{1}{4}$ to 1 line long; spikes very dense, the calyces so densely woolly or shaggy-hirsute as almost to conceal the flowers; s. Shasta Co.....*C. crinita*

Flowers sessile or subsessile, not concealed by shaggy hairs.
 Nutlets erect; transmontane deserts and bordering ranges.

Calyx bristly; corolla $\frac{1}{4}$ line broad (1 to 2 lines in var.); spikes loose.....*C. decipiens*

Calyx densely silky-hirsute, the bristles none or few and short; corolla 1 to $1\frac{1}{2}$ lines broad; spikes short and dense.....*C. utahensis*

Nutlets horizontal; calyx soft-hairy; spikes loose; inner North Coast Range in Yolo, Lake and Colusa Cos.....*C. excava*

Calyx in fruit recurved; Inyo Co.....*C. recurvata*

II. NUTLETS WITH WINGED MARGINS OR PROJECTION SHARP MARGINS; CALYX MORE OR LESS BRISTLY; NUTLETS NORMALLY 4; TRANSMONTANE DESERTS (NO. 22 PARTLY CISMONTANE).

Spikes with the lower pedicels 1 to 3 lines long; nutlets unequal; stems conspicuously woody at base (annual); transmontane deserts.....*C. racemosa*

Spikes with the flowers sessile or subsessile; the pedicels only $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ line long; stems not woody at base or rarely (annuals).

Nutlets with a very narrow or line-like margin; corolla inconspicuous ($\frac{1}{4}$ to $1\frac{1}{2}$ lines broad). Nutlets homomorphic, light brown.

Spikes bracteate toward base; nutlets minutely papillate on the dorsal side, smooth on the ventral side.....*C. costata*

Spikes bracteate throughout; nutlets minutely papillate on both sides.....*C. sazorae*

Nutlets heteromorphous, white-papillate on a brown ground on both sides; spikes bracts less or nearly so.....*C. inaequata*

Nutlets rather broadly or at least obviously wing-margined.
 All 4 nutlets winged, the wing reddish-brown, same color as body, entire; flowers on pedicels $\frac{1}{4}$ or $\frac{1}{2}$ line long; corolla $1\frac{1}{2}$ lines wide.....*C. holoptera*

All 4 nutlets winged or the fourth nutlet wingless or nearly so; wing of the nutlet white, chartaceous or light-colored, toothed or erose, the body grayish or slate-color; flowers sessile or subsessile.

Corolla $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ line broad; wing of nutlet fimbriate-toothed or erose, as broad as the laminae body.....*C. pterocarpa*

Corolla commonly 2 to 3 lines broad; wing of nutlet erose, $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ as broad as the ovate body.....*C. oxygona*

B. Nutlets smooth.

I. HAIRS ON CALYX STRAIGHT OR ESSENTIALLY SO AND EITHER ERECT, SPREADING OR REFLEXED.

1. Ventral groove median.

a. Hairs on upper part of calyx erect, ascending or spreading.

Calyces without bristles, resembling woolly tufts, the hairs soft, all alike; fruiting calyces 1 line long; spikes bracteate, short and dense, borne in 2s to 4s on slender or filiform peduncles; nutlets 1; transmontane deserts.....*C. gracilis*

Calyces with spreading bristles and also with shorter ascending hairs.
 Style less than half as long as nutlets; calyx $\frac{3}{4}$ to 1 line long, with a tuft of bristles toward spike; spikes slender, flexuous or curved; nutlet 1, lanuginose, rostrate or attenuate; clasmontane; Coast Ranges, Kern Co. and coastal S. Cal.....*C. microstachys*

Style more than half as long as nutlets.
 Nutlets most commonly lanuginose, acuminate or rostrate, less than half as broad as long. Spikes $\frac{1}{2}$ to 3 inches long; Coast Range and coastal S. Cal.

Spikes bracteate or with a few bracts near base, mostly $\frac{1}{2}$ to $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches long. Nutlet 1, high-rounded on back and face (circular in cross section), slender-rostrate; Lake and Napa Cos.....*C. hispidula*

Nutlets 1 to 4, low-rounded on back, usually flattish or flat, acuminate or attenuate; Coast Ranges and coastal S. Cal.....*C. cleopatra*

Spikes bracteate, short and dense ($\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ inch long); nutlets 4 (or 1); coast line.....*C. leiosarpa*

Spikes 3 to 5 inches long; Colorado Desert.....*C. gandleri*

- Nutlets most commonly ovate, at least half as broad as long.
 Spikes $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1 inch long; relatively set with many small bracts; nutlets 1 (or 2);
 coastal S. Cal. and Transverse Range..... 30. *C. maritima*.
 Spikes bractless or with a few bracts near base; nutlets truncate at base; calyx-lobes linear;
 coastal S. Cal., and Transverse Range..... 31. *C. moehrense*.
 Corolla $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ line broad; nutlets truncate at base; calyx-lobes linear;
 s. Sierra Nevada and Tehachapi Mts..... 32. *C. torreyana*.
 Corolla $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ line broad (1 to $1\frac{1}{2}$ lines in var. of no. 32); nutlets mostly
 rounded at base.
 Lateral angles of nutlets obtuse; calyx-lobes linear; Sierra Nevada and
 Northern Coast Range..... 33. *C. watsonii*.
 Lateral angles of nutlets sharply acute or with a linear margin; calyx-
 lobes lanceolate; high montane in White Mts..... 34. *C. semoclada*.

- b. Hairs on upper part of calyx retrorse; nutlets 1 to 4, ovate-lanceolate or -attenuate; spikes
 subliform; inner Coast Ranges and Tehachapi Mts..... 34. *C. semoclada*.
 2. *Ventral groove excentric*; corolla minute ($\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ line wide).

- Nutlets 4; plants 3 to 20 inches high; spikes in 1s, 2s or 3s, 1 to 5 inches long; widely distributed,
 coastal S. California..... 35. *C. glomeriflora*.
 Nutlet 1; plants 1 to 10 inches high; spikes very short (1 to $1\frac{1}{2}$ lines long) in terminal glomerules
 and in the leaf-axils; east side or high easterly meadows of the Sierra Nevada.....
 36. *C. sparsiformis*.

II. HAIRS ON CALYX FALCATE-RECURVED OR FALCATE-DEFLEXED; NUTLET 1.

- Nutlets ovoid or lanceolate, high-rounded on back, low-rounded or flattish on face; calyx-lobes on
 upper half bent with short spreading curved hairs, at base armed with a tuft of long
 deflexed or spreading bristles or sometimes the bristles extremely reduced or the lobes
 merely short-hispidulous; stem erect, branched.
 Fruiting calyxes appressed to rachis; base of nutlet rounded or subacute; ventral groove not
 forked, ending in a small areola; clintoniae, widely distributed..... 37. *C. pectinata*.
 Fruiting calyxes spreading from rachis; base of nutlet truncate; ventral groove forked at
 base with a large areola; inner North Coast Range and cent. and n. Sierra Nevada
 foothills..... 38. *C. rostellata*.
 Nutlets ovate, acute, flattened on both faces (compressed); calyx-lobes uniformly bent with short
 curved hairs; stem diffusely branched, the branches very slender or filiform; foothills
 surrounding the San Joaquin Valley..... 39. *C. sparsiformis*.

1. *C. hooveri* Jtn. Stems several from the base, ascending, 3 to 6 inches high;
 herbage ascending-hirsute; leaf-blades linear or filiform, 5 to 11 lines long, the
 lower opposite; spikes very short and dense, borne on short branches and racemously
 disposed so as to make a cylindric panicle, only the lowest flowers in each spike
 developing fruits, the abortive flowers crowded; calyx-lobes linear, a little lanceo-
 late-dilated at base, densely ascending-hirsute and with long spreading bristles,
 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 3 lines long; corolla minute ($\frac{1}{2}$ line broad), somewhat concealed behind the
 bristly calyx-tips; nutlets 4 (sometimes 3 or 1), triangular-ovate, acute, truncate
 at base, thickly tuberculate on the low-rounded back, convexly 2-planed ventrally,
 the lateral angles sharply defined but a little obtuse, the ventral side convexly
 forked at base and making a broad areola.

Dry sandy flats, 10 to 250 feet: lower San Joaquin Valley from eastern Contra
 Costa Co. to Madera Co. May.

Locs.—Antioch, K. Brandegee; Waterford (13 mi. e. at Gobin ranch), Stanislaus Co., Hoover
 2127; Chowchilla (8 mi. w.), Madera Co., Hoover 1247.
 Ref.—*Cryptantha HOOVERI* Jtn., Jour. Arn. Arb. 18:23 (1937), type loc. Chowchilla (8 mi.
 w.), Madera Co., Hoover 558 (isotyp. vidi).

2. *C. ambiguum* Greene. Stem much branched from the base, erect, $\frac{1}{2}$ to $1\frac{3}{4}$
 feet high, ascending-hirsute or strigulose and spreading bristly-hirsute; herbage
 roughly spreading-hirsute throughout; leaf-blades linear, 1 to $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches long,
 thinly hirsutulous and conspicuously bristly-hirsute, the bristles with pustulate-
 dilated bases; spikes commonly loose below, 1 to $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches long, borne in a corymbose
 panicle; calyx-lobes linear-lanceolate, densely and divaricately long-bristly
 and ascending-hirsute (especially on lower part); corolla 1 line broad; nutlets 4
 or 3, ovate-rostrate, usually flattish on back, thinly tuberculate on a microscopically
 tessellate-papillate ground, the lateral angles obtuse, the ventral side convexly
 2-planed.

Gravely slopes or flats, 4800 to 5800 feet; Sierra Nevada from Nevada Co. to Modoc Co. and eastern Siskiyou Co. East to Utah, north to Washington. June-July.

Locs.—Truckee, Sonne; Portola, Plumas Co., K. Brundagee; Goose Lake, ne. Modoc Co., 20,028.

Var. echinella (Greene) Jepson & Hoover comb. n. Stem erect, branching, 2 to 12 inches high; spikes solitary or somewhat capitate or glomerate at first; then the spikes soon loose and the strong stem armed with long scattered spreading bristles; calyx in fruit 2 to 3 times as long; corolla minus $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{1}{3}$ its broad; nutlets narrow-ovate, shortly attenuate or rostellate, broadly but rather thickly mucilaginous (the mucilage like seed-points), the lateral angles obtuse, the ventral side with mostly closed groove and closed basal fork.—Dry gravelly ground in open woods or on open sandy hills, 2400 to 9000 feet; Sierra Nevada, east side and east slope, and also west slope but mostly on high or eastern summits, from Lower Nevada Co. to Inyo and Mono Co.; Mt. Pinos region to the San Bernardino Mts., East to Nevada and Arizona. July-Aug.

Locs.—Sierra Nevada, east side: Castle Peak, Nevada Co., *Walter* 7079; Tahoe City, *Borings*; Mammoth, Mono Co., K. Brundagee; Andrews Camp, Bishop Creek, Mono Co., K. Brundagee; Tuolumne Cañon, Panamint Range, *Hewitt*, Sierra Nevada, west slope; Big Creek, Middle Fork Stanislaus R., *Hewitt* 5057; betw. Pumice Flat and Shadow Lake, Madera Co., *Ferrill* 8823; Bubba Creek, Fresno Co., *Ferrill* 8910; Alta Mdwrs., Tulare Co., K. Brundagee; Intermontane S. Cal.; Sawmill Mts., n. Ventura Co., *Horn* 6200; Ontario Ridge, San Gabriel Mts., *Peterson* 3209; Little Green Valley, San Bernardino Mts., G. H. Hall 24.

Ref.—*CRYPTANTHA AMBIGUA* Greene, Pitt. 1:113 (1887); Jepson, Fl. W. Mid. Cal. 444 (1901), ed. 2, 347 (1911), Man. 848, excluding *sp. nov.* (1925). *Eritrichium mucronatum* var. *ambiguum* Gray, Synt. Fl. 2:194 (1878), resting initially on *Eritrichium mucronatum* Torr., *Phanerogamia* of Pacific Coast, Wilkes Exped. 416, t. 13A (1874), type loc. Nasqually, Wash. not E. *mucronatum* A. DC. *Krynitskia ambigua* Gray, Proc. Am. Acad. 50:272 (1885). *C. polycarpa* Greene, Pitt. 1:114 (1887), type loc. Truckee, Sonne. Var. *echinella* Jepson & Hoover. *C. echinella* Greene, Pitt. 1:115 (1887), type loc. Castle Peak ("Mt. Stanford"), e. Nevada Co., Sonne.

3. **C. mariposae** Jtn. Stem branching, 3 to 8 inches high; herbage spreading-ascending-hirsute; leaves oblong or oblanceolate, thickish, 4 to 8 lines long; spikes mostly few, corymbose, $\frac{3}{2}$ to $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches long; calyx-lobes linear, ascending-hirsute and spreading-bristly, the bristles towards the tip shorter and curved; corolla 1 to $1\frac{1}{2}$ lines broad; nutlets 4 (or 2 or 3), ovate, rostrate from a broad body, truncate at base, low-rounded on back, convexly 2-planed on face, obtuse on the lateral angles, thickly or thinly tuberculate, the ventral groove with an open areola at base; style shorter than nutlets.

Serpentine rocks on hillslopes, 1000 to 2000 feet: Sierra Nevada foothills from Calaveras Co. to Mariposa Co. Apr.-May.

Locs.—Harmon Peak, Calaveras Co., *Davy* 1422; betw. Coulterville and Bagby, Mariposa Co., *Hoover* 3398; Mariposa, Congdon. The nutlets are quite similar to those of *Cryptantha ambigua* and in nearly all other respects *Cryptantha mariposae* is very close to that species, although it is well segregated from it geographically.

Ref.—*CRYPTANTHA MARIPOSAE* Jtn., Contrib. Gray Herb. 74:73 (1925), type loc. Mariposa, Congdon.

4. **C. simulans** Greene. (Fig. 416.) Stem slender, lankly or openly branching with very slender branches, 6 to 14 inches high; herbage ascending-hispid; leaf-blades linear, $\frac{1}{2}$ to $1\frac{1}{4}$ inches long; spikes in 1s, 2s or 3s, $\frac{1}{2}$ to $1\frac{1}{4}$ inches long; calyx-lobes narrowly linear and dilated at base or narrow-lanceolate, densely set with bristles, the bristles on upper half uniformly short and downwardly curved, the bristles on lower half longer and spreading or curved downward; corolla $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ line broad; fruiting calyx 2 lines long; nutlets 4, broadly ovate, shortly rostellate, brown, the flattish back with scattered tubercles set on a ground microscopically but densely tessellate-papillate, the angles rounded, the ventral groove and its basal fork closed.

Dry rocky or gravely slopes or on flats in the mountains, in granite sand, 2000 to 6700 feet: mountains of Southern California; Tehachapi Mts.; Sierra Nevada

from Kern Co. to Modoc Co. and eastern Siskiyou Co.; North Coast Ranges from Trinity Co. to western Siskiyou Co. East to western Nevada, north to Washington. May-July.

Locs.—S. Cal. mts.: Cuyamaca Peak, T. Brandegee; Onstat Valley, San Jacinto Mts., Hall; Little Green Valley, San Bernardino Mts., G. R. Hall; Icehouse Cañon, San Antonio Mts., Parish 11,944; Mt. Wilson, San Gabriel Mts., Peirson 2157. Tehachapi Mts.: near Tehachapi Peak, Dyer 10,467; Sierra Nevada, Round Mdw., Giant Forest, Jepson 678; betw. Colony Mill and Mariposa Fork, Tulare Co., Jepson 1111; Huntington Lake, Fresno Co., A. L. Gratz; Yosemite Valley, Jepson 10,467; Calaveras Big Trees, Greene near Alpine Camp, upper Truckee River, Eldorado Co., H. M. Wheeler; Truckee, Nevada Co., Howell 1060; Shiloh, Lassen Co., T. Brandegee; Mt. Shasta, T. Walker; Fandango Pass, Warner Mts., J. T. Howell 12,043. North Coast Ranges: summit of New River trail, betw. Dyer's Ranch and Hawking Bar, Trinity Co., Jepson 1997; Siskiyou Co., Heller 8035.

Ref.—CRYPTANTHA SIMULANS Greene, Pitt. 5:54 (1902), type loc. Amador Co., Hansen. *C. ambiguus* f. *simulans* Jepson, Man. fig. 803 (1925). *C. ambiguus* f. *simulans* Brand, Engler, Pflanzenr. 4(2):68 (1931). *C. stricta* Lindl., Fenzl, Report. Sp. Nov. 1928 (1927), type loc. Yosemite Valley, Stadel.

5. *C. muricata* Nels. & Mebr. Stem robust, branching, $\frac{1}{2}$ to 2 feet high; herbage spreading, rough-hirsute; leaf-blades linear, $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1 inch long; spikes rather dense, borne in 2s to 5s (or 9s) terminally on the main axis or often also in 2s or 3s on the lateral branchlets; calyx-lobes lanceolate or linear, $1\frac{1}{2}$ lines long, shortly ascending-hirsute and long spreading-bristly; corolla 2 to 3 lines broad; nutlets 4, triangular-ovate, acute, truncate at base, 1 line long, tuberculate or muricate dorsally and also sometimes somewhat rugulose, the lateral margins well-defined, ridged towards base, sometimes sharp or sometimes a little rounded, ventral side convexly 2-planed, the ventral groove and its strong basal fork mostly closed.

Gravelly or rocky open slopes or washes or opens in chaparral, 200 to 8000 feet: Coast Ranges from Contra Costa Co. to San Luis Obispo Co.; Sierra Nevada in Kern Co.; Tehachapi Mts.; intramontane and eismontane Southern California from Santa Barbara Co. to Orange Co. May-July.

Locs.—Coast Ranges: Mt. Diablo, Boverman 808; Big Sur, Monterey coast, Hoover 2679; Cuyama Valley, San Luis Obispo Co., Jepson 12,158. Sierra Nevada in Kern Co.: Poos Mine, Poos Creek, Zimmerman 10, N. Smith 189; lower Kern Cañon, Greenhorn foothills, Allison Kramer. Tehachapi Mts.: Tehachapi, T. Brandegee. Intramontane and eismontane: S. Cal.: Sesmacore Cañon, Santa Barbara, Jepson 913; Purple Ridge, n. Los Angeles Co., Jepson 17,065; Leonis Valley, n. Los Angeles Co., Dyer 2545; Crystal Springs (n. above), n. Los Angeles Co., Jepson 893; San Gabriel Cañon, San Gabriel Mts., Clokey 5567; Waterman Cañon, San Bernardino Mts., Jepson 5524; Strawberry Valley, Mt. San Jacinto, Jepson 1280; Anaheim Plain, Alice King.

Note on fruit.—The nutlets, usually brown, are flattish dorsally and commonly carry an elongated dorsal keel; usually the ventral side is convexly 2-planed though sometimes flattish. The groove is 2- to 6-grooved at base. The style about equals the nutlets. Variation in the surface sculpturing of the nutlets is marked; the prevailing form of the nutlet is densely tuberculate; or it may be thinly tuberculate; sometimes it is tuberculate and roughly sharp rugulose (Mt. Diablo, Boverman 808,—det. R. P. Hoover). In the desert areas on the west side of the Mohave Desert, the tubercles may be slender with the apex flat-topped and capped by a microscopic papilla (Coyama Valley, Jepson 12,158), or some of the tubercles may be depressed or hollowed at apex



Fig. 416. *Cryptantha simulans* Greene. a, habit, $\times \frac{1}{2}$; b, fl., $\times 4$; c, nutlet, dorsal view, $\times 8$; d, nutlet, ventral view, $\times 6$.

with a definite papilla in the hollow (Portal Ridge, *Jepson* 17,065), or yet again the tubercles may become somewhat crater-like and bear a distinct papilla in the crater (Portal Ridge, *Jepson* 17,059). In all these cases of crater-like tubercles, the tubercles rise from a brown ground. In the case of var. *clokeyi* (Jtn.) *Jepson* comb. n., the tubercles, likewise crateriform, are set on a white or lighter-colored ground and the calyx (3 to 3½ inches long) much surpasses the nutlets (n. of Barstow, Mohave Desert).

Var. jonesii Jtn. Stems 1 or few from the base, 5 to 20 inches high, ending in an umbellate cyme, the spikes below the cyme borne on short branches; corollas 1½ to 2½ inches broad.—Hillslopes, often in chaparral, 10,000 to 5500 feet; Coast Ranges from Glenn Co. to Monterey Co.; Sierra Nevada from Nevada Co. to Fresno Co.; Inframontane and cismontane Southern California, south to Lower California, east to Nevada and Arizona.

Field note.—The most marked habitat or biotypic form of *Cryptantha muricata* var. *jonesii* is developed in colonies which make open mats. The single stem axis of plants is uncrowded of 3 to 5 spikes. Somewhat later, after the terminal spike is established, the axis below becomes "feathered" with short branches which bear 1, 2, or 3 spikes. This "feathering" may be light or dense, in either case producing a narrow column, the main axis otherwise usually remaining unbranched. Such a growth form is characteristic of gravelly hillslopes in Lake County, in Yosemite, in the San Gabriel Mountains, and other semi-arid stations.

Loca.—Coast Ranges: Alder Spring (9 mi. e.), w. Gilroy Co., *Jepson* 11,450; Blue Lakes, nw. Lake Co., *Jepson* 21,698; Cache Creek, n. of Lower Lake, Lake Co., *Jepson* 18,911; Boott, Kearsarge Ridge, sc. Lake Co., *Jepson* 18,905; Bear Peak, e. Sonoma Co., *Biolettii*; Mt. Tamalpais, K. Brandegee; Ben Lomond, Santa Cruz Co., J. T. Brandegee; Jamarsburg, Monterey Co., W. I. Folger; 18,150; South Fork Tuolumne River bridge, A. L. Gilbert 3006; Letters sta., near Sonora Pass, A. L. 16,457a; Devil Rock, Middle Fork Kaweah River, W. Fry 323; Kernville, T. Brandegee. Inframontane and cismontane S. Cal.: Arrastrate Mts., San Gabriel Mts., San Gavino, San Joaquin, San Bernardino Valley, Cajon Pass, Cajon Cañon, *Jepson* 6097; Strawberry Valley, Mt. San Jacinto, San Jacinto 12,952; Elsinore (5 mi. s.), *Jepson* 12,429; Palomar Mt., San Diego Co., *Jepson* 1505a; Wagon Wash near Sencenac Cañon, San Diego Co., *Jepson* 12,487; San Diego, Spencer 38.

Refs.—*Cryptantha muricata* Nees ex Mebe, *Haller*, Gaz. 61:42 (1916). *Mystonia muricata* H. & A. Beech, 369 (1840), type from Cal. Douglas. *Eritrichia muriculata* A. DC., *Prod. 10*:132 (1846), a renaming (not *Eritrichia muculata* A. DC., l.c.). *Kryzantzia muricata* Gray, Proc. Am. Acad. 29:273 (1885). *C. muriculata* Gray, Pitt. 1:113 (1887); *Jepson*, Fl. W. Ind. Cal. 444 (1901), ed. 2, 347 (1911), Man. 848 (1925). *G. horridula* Greene, Pitt. 5:55 (1905), type loc. Bellmores Valley. Var. *CLOKEYI* *Jepson*. *C. clokeyi* Jones, Bull. Ar. Arb. 20:387 (1933), type loc. Bear Creek, Clokey 6559. Var. *JONESII* Jtn. *Plant World* 22:114 (1919). *Kryzantzia jonesii* Gray, Proc. Am. Acad. 20:27 (1885), type loc. Soledad, Monterey Co., Jones. *C. vitrea* Eastw., Proc. Cal. Acad. ser. 3, 2:292 (1912), type loc. Bubbs Creek, Fresno Co., Eastwood. *C. muriculata* var. *vitreos* *Jepson*, Man. 848 (1925). *Kryzantzia denticulata* Greene, Bull. Cal. Acad. 1:204 (1885), type from w. Nev., Curran. *C. denticulata* Greene, Pitt. 1:114 (1887). *C. muricata* var. *denticulata* Jtn., Contrib. Gray Herb. 74:71 (1925).

6. C. intermedia Greene. Stem erect and branching above, or diffusely branched from base, ½ to 1 foot high; herbage hispid with both appressed and spreading hairs; leaf-blades lanceolate or linear, ½ to 1½ inches long, sessile or narrowed to obscure petioles; spikes usually in 2s or 3s, sometimes 4s or 5s, at first dense, soon loose, and 1 to 3½ inches long; calyx-lobes linear, ¾ to 1 line long, in fruit 1½ to 2½ lines long, densely villous-ciliate and villous inside, the back not villous but with long scattered spreading bristles; corolla 1½ to 3½ lines broad; nutlets 4 (3 or 2), ovate-rostrate or lanceolate-attenuate, obtusish at apex, densely and coarsely tuberculate dorsally and also ventrally, the lateral angles obtuse and tuberculate, the ventral groove closed or open, triangular-arcuate or forked at base.

Sandy or gravelly valley floors or washes or on foothill slopes or rocky canyon bottoms, 200 to 6000 feet; Coast Ranges from western Siskiyou Co. to San Luis Obispo Co.; upper Sacramento Valley; Sierra Nevada foothills from Shasta Co. to Tuolumne Co.; western Mohave Desert; cismontane Southern California, south to Lower California. Apr.-June.

Loca.—Coast Ranges: Scott River Valley, w. Siskiyou Co., *Gilbert*; Hupa Valley, *Jepson* 2025; Foothills, sw. Tehama Co., *Jepson* 16,317; Stonyford, w. Glenn Co., *Jepson* 16,291; Bell Cañon, Howell Mt., Napa Range, *Jepson* 18,561; Soledad, Monterey Co., *Coeckeler*; Templetown,

San Luis Obispo Co., *Davy* 7396. Upper Sacramento Valley: Crane Creek, w. Tehama Co., *Jepson* 21,097; Chico (2 miles E. Hwy. 99) at Maryville Station, *Heller* 11,368; Sierra Nevada foothills: Tamarack road at Stalker's, near Shasta Co., M. L. Baker; Willow Springs road east, Amador Co., *Jepson* 15,226; San Antonio Creek, Calaveras Co., *Davy* 1567; Jackson, Tuolumne Co., *Hoyer* 1957. Mohave Desert: Burstow, *Jepson* 5515. Clementanea S. Cal.; Santa Barbara Co., *Jepson* 9153; Ojai Valley, Thacher 39; Simi Valley, s. Ventura Co., *Jepson* 8460; San Fernando, *Jepson* 19,220; Arroyo Seco, San Gabriel Mts., *Peterson* 320; Arrastrate Creek, San Gabriel Mts., *Jepson* 19,220; Timoteo Cañon, *Jepson* 6984; San Gorgonio Pass, *Jepson* 17,079; Strawberry Valley, Mt. San Jacinto, *Jepson* 2217; Riverside, *Jepson* 1212; Anahiem plain, Alice King; Elsinore, San Jacinto Co., *Jepson* 19,220; Anza, Riverside Co., *Jepson* 17,150; Cootca, Palomar Mts., *Jepson* 1514; Escondido, C. V. Meyer 18; San Pasqual Valley, San Diego Co., *Jepson* 19,175; Mesa Grande, San Diego Co., E. Ferguson 31; Del Mar, San Diego Co., *Jepson* 1618; La Mesa near San Diego, *Jepson* 6659.

Var. rigidula Brand. Corolla milia ($\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ line broad).—San Joaquin Valley and its bordering foothills; southwestern Mohave Desert and bordering ranges.

Locs.—Inner South Coast Range: Tassajara Creek, near Mt. Diablo, *Hoyer* 3348; Corral Hollow, Alameda Co., *Hoyer* 3041; Tree Flies (4 m. s.), *Ferris* 8336; Alealde, sw. Fresno Co., T. Brandegee; McCloud, Kern Co., *Hoyer* 7788; White Hills, sc. San Luis Obispo Co., *Clokey* 5822; San Joaquin Valley: Huron, Fresno Co., *Eckwood*; Tulare, *Davy* 3132; Bakersfield, *Davy* 1875; Pauma station, Kern Co., *Hoyer* 7645; San Joaquin Bar (ridge above), Tschumme Co., *Hoyer* 2501 (det. R. F. Hoyer); Foss Creek, Greenhorn Mts., e. N. Smith 62; Bodfish, Kern Co., *Jepson* 19,886; Teeshaapiti Mts.: Keene, *Jepson* 7159. Southwestern Mohave Desert and its bordering ranges: Palmade to Little Rock, *Davy* 2291; Victorville (10 m. s.), *Munz* 12,435; Baldwin Lake, San Bernardino Mts., *Ferguson* 10,689.

Var. hendersonii (Piper) *Jepson* & Hoover comb. n. Calyx-lobes linear, dark green, densely short-hairy and sparsely yellowish short-bristly, the midrib prominent; corolla $\frac{1}{4}$ to 3 lines broad, 2-lobed, 2 or 3 (sometimes 4 or 4), ovate to ovate-lanceolate, sparingly and often obscurely tuberculate on a mostly conspicuously toothed ground, or varying to quite smooth (even in the same colony), subshallow on back, the lateral lobes on side convexly 2-planed, the groove closed or open.—Dry slopes or gravelly flats, 2500 to 4500 feet; northern Sierra Nevada (transmontane) from Lassen Co. to Siskiyou Co.; Milford, T. Brandegee; Surprise Valley, e. Modoc Co., *Jepson* 7843; Deep Creek, Warner Mts., L. S. Smith 1115; Andesite, Siskiyou Co., *Jepson* 20,029. North to Idaho and Washington.

7. C. barbigera Greene. Stem freely branched from base, $\frac{1}{2}$ to $1\frac{1}{2}$ feet high; herbage hispid and hirsute; leaves oblong-linear to linear, $\frac{1}{2}$ to $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches long; spikes mostly rather dense, solitary or paniculate, becoming elongated (1 to 5 inches long), the flowers sometimes (at length) remote and less secund; calyx-lobes linear-attenuate, spreading at apex, densely armed (especially below) with long spreading bristles and also bearing on lower part a conspicuous white tuft of long-villous hairs; calyx in fruit 3 to 5 lines long; corolla $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1 line broad; nutlets 4, 3 or 2, ovoid, shortly acuminate, 1 line long, grayish-brown, mostly low-rounded dorsally, mostly convexly 2-planed ventrally, densely muriculate-tuberculate, the ventral groove forked at base.

Sandy soil of washes, cañon bottoms and mesas, 500 to 4000 (or 7400) feet: Inyo Co.; eastern Mohave Desert; Colorado Desert. South into Lower California, east to Arizona and Utah. Mar.-Apr.

Note on type locality.—“Santa Barbara Co.” as the locality first cited by Asa Gray (Syn. Pl. 2:194) in the original description of this species, appears to be erroneous. There are no stations known to us in Santa Barbara County. There are, moreover, no specimens of this species in the Gray Herbarium from Santa Barbara County. The specimen on which the original citation (doubtless Engelm., et Bot. Cal. 2:460) is probably now referred elsewhere. In any event this matter is now resolved, since L. M. Johnston (Contrib. Gray Herb. 74:66) has selected “Utah, Parry 171,” as the type.

Losa.—Inyo Co.; Silver Cañon, White Mts., *Heller* 8270; Quail Spr., left-hand fork of John-
son Cañon, Panamint Range, *Jepson* 19,745; Mohave Desert; Mitchell Caverns, Providence Mts.,
Jepson 20,572; Paradise Mts. (over 14,000 ft.), Old Dad Mts., *Jepson* 20,397; Kelso (5½ mi. ne.),
Conejos Range, Clary 1,167; Painted Cañon, Mountains, Hills, *Jepson* 11,654; Palm Cañon of San
Ysidro, *Jepson* 8805; Yaqui Well, e. San Diego Co., *Jepson* 17,115; Box Cañon, Blair Valley, e.
San Diego Co., *Jepson* 8647; Vallejo, e. San Diego Co., *Jepson* 8626; Myers Creek bridge, sw.
Imperial Co., *Jepson* 11,779.

Var. fergusoniæ Mehr., Corolla 3 to 3½ lines broad.—Palm Springs of Mt. San Jacinto,
northeastern Colorado Desert.

Ref..—*CRYPTANTHA BARBIGERA* Greene, Flit. 1:14 (1887); *Jepson*, Man. 540 (1925). *Eri-*
trichium barbigera Gray, Sys. Pl. 2:194 (1878). "S. California from Santa Barbara Co. to S.
Utah and Arizona." *Gray*, Palmer, Smart, Rothrock. "Kryztickia barbigera" Gray, Jour. Am.
Acad. 20:273 (1885). "Partly from the s. part of Cal. and the adjacent w. part of Ariz." Var.
FERGUSONIA Mehr., Contrib. Gray Herb. 56:59 (1918), type loc. Palm Springs (of San Jacinto),
C. Ferguson 42. *C. fergusonii* Brand; Fedde, Repert. Sp. Nov. 24:58 (1927).

8. *C. nevadensis* Nels. & Ken. Stems slender, flexuous or weak, branching,
sometimes diffuse, 5 to 12 inches high; herbage appressed-hispid; flowers as if sub-
capitately glomerate on the ends of the branches, or the inflorescence sometimes
becoming spike-like and ½ to 1 inch long; calyx-lobes linear-sili-form, densely short-
silky on the inside and margins, the back glabrous or comparatively glabrous save
that the midrib is set with scattered long spreading bristles; corolla ½ line broad;
calyx in fruit 3 to 4½ lines long; nutlets narrowly lanceolate-attenuate or narrowly
cuneate, densely sharp-mucilicate on the flattish back, the ventral side muriculate-
tuberulate, the angles rounded or obtuse; ventral side convexly 2-planed, the
groove forked at base, partially open, or closed.

Sandy flats, mesas and cañon bottoms, often supported by desert bushes, 800 to
4000 feet; Inyo Co.; eastern Mohave Desert; Colorado Desert. South into Lower
California, east to Arizona, Nevada and Utah. Mar.-Apr.

Loca.—Inyo Co.; Black Cañon, White Mts., Duran 571; Hole-in-the-Rock Spr., Daylight Pass,
Grapierina Mts., *Jepson* 19,619; Argus Range (n. end), *Jepson* 19,562; Hannup Cañon, Pan-
mint Range, *Jepson* 6062; Johnson, Panamint Range, *Jepson* 19,602; Slate Range, *Allison*
Jepson 17,260; Calico Mts., *Jepson* 7,339; Paradise Spr. (6 mi. ne.), *Purpus* 19,093; Newberry (lava sw.), *Newton*
5072; Kelso, *Jepson* 20,571; Amboy Crater, *Jepson* 20,512. Colorado Desert: Deep Cañon, Santa
Rosé Mts., Clary 1649; Vallejo, e. San Diego Co., *Jepson* 8547.

Ref..—*CRYPTANTHA NEVADENSIS* Nels. & Ken., Proc. Biol. Soc. Wash. 19:157 (1906). *Kry-*
zitschia barbigera var. *tepsa* T. Edg., Zes 5:228 (1906), type loc. Mohave Desert. T. Brongege,
C. arenicola Hel., Muhl. 2:242 (1906), type loc. Laws (3 mi. w.), Inyo Co., *Heller* 5203 (not
"2203"). *C. barbigera* var. *tepsa* Mehr., Proc. Am. Acad. 51:545 (1914); *Jepson*, Man. 849
(1925).

9. *C. dumetorum* Greene. Stem branching from the base, diffuse, 5 to 13
inches high, thinly appressed-hispid; leaf-blades linear-lanceolate to ovate, ½ to 2½
inches long, loosely hispid and conspicuously white-pustulate; spikes in 2s and
4s, at length loose, ½ to 4 inches long; calyx-lobes linear to narrow-lanceolate,
warty-corrugated, the spreading or deflexed bristles arising from the warts; corolla
½ line broad; style about equaling nutlets; nutlets 4, narrow-lanceolate, 1 large
and 3 (or 2 or 1) small, all thickly muriculate dorsally and ventrally, the angles
obtuse, the ventral groove closed in the small nutlets, not forked but some areolate
at base; ventral groove in large nutlet broad, nearly covering ventral face; fruiting
calyxes appressed to rachis, 1¼ to 1½ lines long.

Desert flats or slopes of desert ranges, 1000 to 3500 feet; Conehillia Desert;
western and central Mohave Desert. East to Nevada. Apr.-May.

Eccl. note.—*Cryptantha dumetorum*, usually an inhabitant of desert plains, is most commonly
found growing under the protection of desert shrubs. The stems grow up through the shrub,
flexuously spreading or reclining among its branches; they are weak and brittle and can be
disengaged from the supporting twigs only with some difficulty.

The calyx is fleshy; its lobes, tending to be involute-tereteish, are 4: the upper one (next the
axis) is broad and cleft at apex, the 3 lower are narrow and entire. The 4 nutlets are equal or

subequal at apex, but the large nutlet (next the axis) is inserted lower on the gynobase than the other three. It is sometimes smooth dorsally on lower part and its groove is always open, not only open but widely gaping, sometimes so wide as to cover almost wholly the breadth of the ventral face of the nutlet.

Lvs.—Coneilla Desert: Whiteman's Sta., *Jones*, Mohave Desert; Lancaster, *K. Brandegea*; Kramer, Parish 9310; Bandenburg, *K. Brandegea*; Barstow, *K. Brandegea*; Willow Spr. (cove below), Old Dad Mts., *Jepson* 29,393; Kelso and dunes, *Jepson* 29,396.

Refs.—*CRYPTANTHA DUMETFORMIS* Greene, Pitt. 1:112 (1887). *Cryptantha dumetiformis* Greene; Gray, Proc. Am. Acad. 20:273 (1885); type loc. "Tehachapi Pass." *Carex*, that is, according to the collector, somewhere between "Tehachapi Pass" (the lower pass, in which Cameron sta. is situated) and Mohave sta. *C. intermedia* var. *dumetorum* Jepson, Man. 849 (1925).

10. *C. angustifolia* Greene. Stem erect or diffusely branched from or near the base, 2 to 8 inches high; herbage densely hispid with white hairs, the hairs commonly pustulate at base; leaf-blades narrowly linear, 3 to 12 lines long; flowers usually densely 2-ranked, the spikes $\frac{1}{2}$ to 2 (or $3\frac{1}{2}$) inches long, cymose-paniculate at ends of branches; calyx-lobes filiform or linear, densely short-villous with spreading hairs and with many spreading bristles, the bristles often yellowish and nearly as long as the calyx-lobes or sometimes longer; corolla minute ($\frac{1}{2}$ line broad); nutlets 4, ovate to lanceolate, $\frac{1}{2}$ line long, 1 nutlet large and 3 (or 2) small or 2 large and 2 small, the back minutely and thickly papillate, the ventral groove (often open) usually widened downward into a triangular areola at base, the lateral angles rounded or sharply defined.

Brushy flats, sandy plains, washes or playas, -10 to 3500 feet: Inyo Co.; eastern Mohave Desert; Colorado Desert. East to Utah and western Texas, south to Mexico. Mar.-May.

Locs.—Inyo Co.: Argus Range (n. end), *Jepson* 19,567; Emigrant Wash, Death Valley, *Jepson* 19,571; Mohave Desert; betw. Inyokern and Trona, C. N. Smith 70; Seales Lake, *Jepson* 7148; Tiefort Mt., *Jepson* 17,262; Barstow, *Jepson* 5386; Yermo, *Jepson* 15,866; Twenty-nine Palms, *T. Brandegea*; Lava, *Jepson* 15,468; Kelso and dunes, *Jepson* 20,547; Summit road sta., *Jepson* 5482; (s. end) Colorado Desert, El Paso Valley, *Jepson* 17; Painted Cañon, Mecca Hills, *Jepson* 11,636; County Well, Coneilla Mts. n. of Indio, *Jepson* 604; betw. Indio and Fargo Cañon, Clary 2067; Palm Springs, San Jacinto, *Jepson* 606; Bear Well, w. Imperial Co., *Jepson* 17,086; San Felipe Narrows, ne San Diego Co., *Jepson* 15,540; Calexico, Davis 7955; Ft. Yuma, *Jepson* 11,738.

Refs.—*CRYPTANTHA ANGUSTIFOLIA* Greene, Pitt. 1:112 (1887); *Jepson*, Man. 847 (1925). *Eritrichium angustifolium* Torr., Pac. R. Rep. 5:363 (1857), "not rare in Cal." more specifically Ft. Yuma, Thomas (cf. Contrib. Gray Herb. 74:39). *Kryszewskia angustifolia* Gray, Proc. Am. Acad. 20:272 (1885).

11. *C. micromeres* Greene. Stem rather widely branched at or above the base, 4 to 14 inches high, the branches very slender; herbage rough-hispid almost throughout with spreading dull-colored hairs; leaf-blades oblong to linear, $\frac{1}{4}$ to 1 inch long; spikes geminate to quinate, terminal or subterminal, bractless, not dense, 2 to 4 inches long; calyx $\frac{1}{2}$ line long, its linear or lanceolate lobes armed with uncinate bristles as long as the calyx; corolla minute ($\frac{1}{4}$ line broad); nutlets 4 (or 3), triangular-ovate, acute, 3 (or 2) smaller, minutely white-muriculate on a light-brown ground, $\frac{1}{2}$ line long, the fourth or odd nutlet dark brown and smooth or mainly so, $\frac{1}{4}$ to $1\frac{1}{2}$ times larger than the small ones; ventral groove open below middle and forked at base.

Sandy soil of hillslopes, rocky hilltops and mesas, frequent on chaparral "burns," 10 to 1000 feet: Sierra Nevada foothills from Amador Co. to Mariposa Co.; Coast Ranges (mainly the outer ranges) from Marin Co. to Monterey Co.; coastal Southern California from Santa Barbara Co. to San Diego Co. South to northern Lower California. Apr.-May.

Locs.—Sierra Nevada foothills: Drytown, Amador Co., Hansen 428; Gwin Mine, Calaveras Co., *Jepson* 1766; Coulterville (5 mi. w.), Mariposa Co., Hoover 3419. Coast Ranges: Mt. Tamalpais, *K. Brandegea*; Berkeley Hills, Tracy 2074; Mt. Diablo, Bowersman 1901; Soquel Cañon, Santa Cruz Mts., *Jepson* 21,125; Pajaro Hills, nw. Monterey Co., Chandler 439; Del Monte, Mon-

terey Co., Heller 6698; Pt. Sur, Monterey coast, K. Brandegee, Coastal S. Cal.; San Marcos Pass, Santa Ynez Mts., Jepson 20,380; Santa Cruz Isl., Margaret Stason; Santa Catalina Isl., T. Brandegee; La Jolla, Clements 109; Pt. Loma, San Diego, T. Brandegee 1622.

Refs.—*Cryptantha microsericea* Greene, Pitt. 1:113 (1887); Jepson, Fl. W. Mid. Cal. 445 (1901), ed. 2, 247 (1911). *Man. 849* (1925). *Eritrichium microsericeum* Gray, Proc. Am. Acad. 19:90 (1883), type loc. Santa Cruz, Jones. *Kryniotis microsericea* Gray, Ic. 29:274 (1885).

12. C. crinita Greene. Stem rather strictly branched from near base, 7 to 12 inches high; herbage hirsute, the bases of the hairs on the leaves pustulate-discoid; leaf-blades linear, $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1 inch long; spikes borne on very slender peduncles, very dense and densely woolly, the calyx-lobes so shaggy-hirsute as almost to conceal the individual flowers; flowers spreading, borne on pedicels $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1 line long; calyx-segments linear, obtuse, in fruit 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 3 lines long; corolla 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 2 lines broad; nutlet 1, broadly ovate, rostrate, in fruit 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ lines long, the low rounded back with a few scattered tubercles on a microscopically papillate-tessellate ground.

Gravelly creek bottoms, 450 to 550 feet: head of the Sacramento Valley in Shasta Co., Agr.-May.

Geog. note.—A remarkable species, both in aspect and technical character, *Cryptantha crinita* is a narrow endemic of the small stream beds of the Stillwater and Millville plains of Shasta Co., inhabiting areas perhaps not exceeding five by ten miles as at present known. Three stations are here cited: Stillwater Creek at Leighton, M. S. Baker; Salmon Creek bridge, 5 m. e. of Redding, Hoover 2280; Cow Creek.

Refs.—*Cryptantha crinita* Greene, Erythaea 3:66 (1895), type loc. Cow Creek, Shasta Co., M. S. Baker; Jepson, Man. 849 (1925).

13. C. decipiens Hel. Stems several from the base, erect or ascending, slender, 4 to 12 inches high; herbage strigose or ascending-hispid; leaf-blades linear, $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1 inch long; spikes ternate, very slender, slightly flexuous, in fruit somewhat loose or the calyces at least discrete; calyx-lobes linear-filiform, ascending-hirsute and hispidulous, the 3 outer armed on lower part with a dense tuft of deflexed or horizontally spreading bristles, the 2 inner densely hirsute at base with erect hairs; corolla minute ($\frac{1}{4}$ line broad); fruiting calyx 2 lines long, the tips of the lobes spreading; nutlet 1, ovate and rostellate, or lanceolate and attenuate, papillate-dotted, or finely tuberculate and short-rugulose, the lateral angles obtuse, sometimes acutish.

Desert flats, sandy mesas and arid valleys, 500 to 4500 feet: southern Sierra Nevada in Kern Co.; Inyo Co.; Mohave and Colorado deserts. East to Nevada and Mar. May.

Locs.—Kern Co., Kernville, T. Brandegee, Inyo Co.: Johnson Cañon, Panamint Range, Jepson 19,667. Mohave Desert: Hole-in-the-Wall, Providence Mts., Jepson 18,220; Willow Sprs. (core below), Old Dad Mts., Jepson 20,394; Paradise Mts. (4½ mi. n.e.), Jepson 23,336. Colorado Desert: Whitewater River, Jepson; Andreas Cañon, San Jacinto Mts., Peirson 2368a; Palm Cañon of San Ysidro, Jepson 5807; Blair Valley, e. San Diego Co., Jepson 8687; Coyote Wells (e.), Imperial Co., Jepson 11,758.

Var. *corollata* Jtn. Stems generally taller (6 to 18 inches high); herbage spreading-bristly; corolla 2 to 2 lines broad.—South Coast Ranges, towards the line from Contra Costa Co. to Fresno Co. (peak e. of Tassajara Creek, near Mt. Diablo, Hoover 331); Puerto Cañon, w. Stanislaus Co., Hel. 1619; San Miguelito Rancho, Jolton, Monterey Co., Jepson 1619; Alcalde, w. Fresno Co., T. Brandegee; Sierra Nevada in Tulare Co. (North Fork Kaweah River, K. Brandegee); Tehachapi Mts. (Mt. Teljes), Contrib. Gray Herb. 74:61), and south to Santa Barbara Co. (Robt. Cañon, San Rafael Mts., Hall) and Ventura Co. (Ojai Valley).

Refs.—*Cryptantha decipiens* Hel., Muhl. 8:48 (1912). *Kryniotis decipiens* Jones, Contrib. W. Bot. 13:6 (1910), type loc. Yucca, Ariz., Jones. Var. *corollata* Jtn., Contrib. Gray Herb. 74:61 (1925), type loc. Ojai Valley, Ventura Co., Hubby 21. *C. corollata* Jtn., Journ. Arn. Arb. 18:24 (1937).

14. C. utahensis Greene. Stem branched from base, the branches erect or with decumbent base, 6 to 19 inches high; herbage ascending-hispid; leaf-blades linear, $\frac{1}{4}$ to 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches long; spikes very short and dense ($\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ inch long), glomerate in 2s and 3s or paniculate; calyx-lobes linear-lanceolate to oblong-lanceolate,

densely silky-hirsute with ascending hairs, not bristly or the few short slender bristles also ascending; corolla 1 to $1\frac{1}{2}$ lines broad; nutlets solitary, sometimes 2, adhering closely to the gynobase, ovate-acuminate or lanceolate, $1\frac{1}{4}$ lines long, finely mucilaginous on the flattish or curved back, convexly 2-planed ventrally, the angles acute or linearly white-margined, the ventral groove gradually widening toward the base or nearly closed; areola open, broadly forked; fruiting calyxes spreading horizontally, equaling or only slightly exceeding the nutlet.

Desert washes or brushy rocky slopes, 500 to 5000 feet: Inyo Co., Mohave and Colorado deserts. East to southern Utah. Apr.-May.

Locs.—Inyo Co.: Black Cañon, White Mts., Duran 572; Alabama Hills near Lone Pine, Kerner 606; Santa Rosa Wash, pass betw. Inyo Mts. and Coso Mts., Jepson 19,535; Darwin Wash, near Keystone Mine, Kerner 28; Argus Range, Jepson 19,561; Hole-in-the-Rock Spr., Daylight Pass, Grapevine Mts., Jepson 19,807; Hannupah Cañon, Panamint Range, Jepson 6986; Lone Cañon, Panamint Range, Jepson 19,614. Mohave Desert: Domingos ranch (near), Providence Mts., Jepson 18,500; Granite Mts. (n. of Amowitz Mts.), Jepson 17,294; Ord Mt., Jepson 5891. Colorado Desert: Cottonwood Mts. w. side Eagle Mts., Jepson 12,580; Palm Springs, San Jacinto, Wilder 570; Ebbetts Wash, Santa Rosa Mts., Custer 2072.

Refs.—*Cryptantha utahensis* Greene, Pitt. 1:120 (1887); Jepson, Man. 849 (1925). *Krynitzkia utahensis* Gray, Sys. Fl. 2:427 (1856), type loc. St. George, Utah, Palmer. *Eritrichium hololeptum* var. *submollis* Gray, Proc. Am. Acad. 13:374 (1878), type loc. St. George, Utah, Palmer. *C. submollis* Cov., Contrib. U. S. Nat. Herb. 4:166 (1883).

15. ***C. excavata*** Bdg. Stem branching above the base, 5 to 9 inches high, the branches long and slender; herbage ascending-hispid, the hairs on the leaves with pustulate bases; leaf-blades linear, 3 to 9 lines long; spikes in 2s and 3s, becoming elongated and 1 to 4 inches long, the flowers rather remote; calyx-lobes linear, soft-hairy, furnished with a few slender short bristles, the tips of the lobes spreading; corolla 1 to $1\frac{1}{2}$ lines broad; nutlet 1, borne horizontally, strongly obcompressed and keeled dorsally, ovate-acuminate in side view, obscurely tuberculate on a microscopically papillate-tessellate ground, the ventral groove opening below into a large triangular areola, the areola deeply excavate; fruiting calyx $1\frac{1}{4}$ lines long, as broad as long.

Sandy banks in the hills, 300 to 1000 feet; inner North Coast Range from Yolo Co. to Colusa Co. Apr.-May.

Geog. note.—A species characterized by very remarkable nutlets, both as to structure and as to position in the calyx, *Cryptantha excavata* is an extremely narrow endemic with a longitudinal range of about twenty-nine miles. Detailed knowledge of its localized occurrence is almost wholly lacking and only three stations are here cited: Cache Creek Cañon, w. Yolo Co., C. F. Baker 2386; e. Lake Co., K. Brandegee; Sites, w. Colusa Co. The single nutlet is set horizontally in the calyx with its beak pointing outward from the axis and protruding between the two outer calyx-lobes.

Refs.—*Cryptantha excavata* T. Bdg., Bot. Gaz. 27:452 (1899), type loc. Sites, Colusa Co., K. Brandegee. *C. abortiva* Greene; Baker, West. Am. Pla. 2:10 (1908), Cache Creek Cañon, w. Yolo Co., C. F. Baker 2386, nomen nudum.

16. ***C. recurvata*** Cov. Stem slender, more or less branched from base, 2 or 3 to 9 inches high, appressed-hispid; leaves with somewhat spreading hairs, the blades linear-oblancoolate, $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ inch long; spikes in 2s or 3s, bractless, becoming loose; calyx spreading, in fruit a little recurved, 1 to $1\frac{1}{2}$ lines long, the lower half densely bristly with stiff divergent hairs; calyx-lobes linear; corolla minute ($\frac{1}{3}$ line broad), scarcely exerted; nutlet 1, ovate-lanceolate, very finely papillate, rounded on the angles, slightly incurved at apex, carinate, $\frac{3}{4}$ line long, its pericarp fragile.

Sandy soil in cañons of desert ranges, 3000 to 5000 feet: Inyo Co. East to Utah, north to eastern Oregon. Apr.-May.

Locs.—Panamint Range; Coldwater Cañon near Laws, K. Brandegee; Silver Cañon, White Mts., Heller #221.

Refs.—*Cryptantha recurvata* Cov., Contrib. U. S. Nat. Herb. 4:165, t. 16 (1893), type loc. Surprise Cañon, Panamint Range, Costle & Fuson 713; Jepson, Man. 847 (1925).

17. ***C. racemosa*** Greene. Stem profusely branched throughout, $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1 or 2 feet high, the ultimate branchlets almost filiform, the main stem and larger branches

woody; branches and leaves appressed-hispid and spreading-bristly, or the branches sometimes not bristly; leaf-blades linear, acuminate, $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1 inch long; inflorescence loosely racemose-paniculate, the flowers on spreading pedicels, the pedicels $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1 (or 3) lines long; calyx in fruit 1 line long, the segments lanceolate, spreading-bristly and appressed-hispid; corolla 1 line broad, constricted at throat; nutlets ovoid-lanceolate, unequal, 1 larger (though sometimes abortive), 3 smaller and becoming free from the gynobase earlier, $\frac{1}{2}$ line long, brown, the back sparsely white-dotted with tubercles and bordered by a narrow or white-lineate margin, the ventral groove open below the middle and gradually widening to base.

Gravelly washes, sandy plains or rocky walls of desert cañons, 100 to 4000 feet: Inyo Co.; Colorado Desert. South to Lower California, east to western Arizona and Nevada. Apr.-June.

Field note.—*Cryptantha racemos* is coarsely woody at base. It forms a diminutive bush in which the main stems become $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{1}{4}$ inch in diameter and the numerous branchlets are very closely interlaced, fully as closely and densely intertwined as those of *Eriogonum hermannii*, but sometimes this species is biennial but in California more frequently perennial. And by perennial it meant that the individual produces flowers in more than one season, a fact determinable by one who studies much the desert cañons. In its more extreme or well-developed form, *Cryptantha racemos* is a depressed globose plant which in aspect has a marked resemblance to some species of *Gilia*. The larger stems often display a papery bark which exfoliates and reveals Coldenia, while the branchlets are armed with small bristles which to the skin of the botanical explorer are penetrating and painful, suggesting the minute spines of casti.

Loca.—Inyo Co.: Hayes, T. Brundage; Argus Range (n. end), *Jepson* 10,563; Titus Cañon, Grapeline Mts., *Jepson* 10,456; Funeral Mts., *Jepson* 6911; Surprise Cañon, Pajamitan Range, *Jepson* 7138; Johnson Cañon, Pajamitan Range, *Jepson* 19,742; Colorado Desert; Mingo Wash, Parish 3337; betw. Piñon Wash and mouth of Indio, *Jepson* 6013; Painted Cañon, Mecca Hills, *Jepson* 11,675; Cottonwood Spgs., Mecca Mts., *Jepson* 12,580; Borrego Spgs., San Diego Co., T. Brundage; San Felipe Narrows, e. San Diego Co., *Jepson* 12,525; Devils Cañon, e. San Diego Co., C. F. Meyer 421; Myers Creek bridge, Imperial Co., *Jepson* 13,797.

Refa.—*CRYPTANTHA RACEMOSA* Greene, Pitt. L. 116 (1887); *Jepson*, Man. 847 (1925). *Eritrichia racemosa* Wats.; Gray, Proc. Am. Acad. 17: 282 (1882), type loc. Mesquite Cañon, above Moapa, ne. Imperial Co. (formerly in San Diego Co.). Paris 775 ("W. F. Parish" also cited) did not go on the trip acc. S. B. Parish). *Kryszanitza racemosa* Greene, Bull. Cal. Acad. 1: 294 (1882). *X. ramosissima* Gray, Proc. Am. Acad. 20: 21 (1888), change of name. *Johnstonella racemosa* Benth.; Fedde, Repert. Nov. 21: 24 (1922). *C. racemosa* Greene, *Ignous* Jtn., Univ. Cal. Publ. Bot. 7: 144 (1922), type loc. Pammint Cañon, Inyo Co., Hall & Chandler 7034. *Johnstonella racemosa* Steyermark, Brand, Lc. *C. exaristiflora* Piper, Proc. Biol. Soc. Wash. 32: 42 (1919), type loc. Camp Machado, Colorado Desert, Orcutt 2070.

18. *C. costata* Bdg. Stems many from the base, freely branched, conspicuously leafy and densely white-hirsute when young, forming a roundish or bushy plant 3 to 10 inches high; herbage gray, appressed-hispid and with scattered spreading bristles; leaf-blades narrowly lanceolate-attenuate or coarsely filiform, $\frac{1}{2}$ to 3 inches long, often surpassing the spikes; spikes dense, bracteate towards base, $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1 inch long or reduced and head-like; flowers minute, the bracts and sepals closely beset with long rigid white or yellowish bristles with softer shorter hairs between; calyx-lobes narrowly linear-lanceolate, sparsely set with long spreading bristles and thinly short-hirsute; corolla $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1 line broad; nutlets 4, light-brown, oblong-lanceolate, the back rounded and obscurely and very minutely papillate but the papillae shining, the angles sharp, obscurely whitish-lineate and slightly revolute so as to make on the smooth ventral side a shallow hollow on each side of the ventral groove; groove dilated from the middle downward.

Gravelly hillslopes and benches and in sand dunes, -250 to 1200 feet: Inyo Co.; eastern Mohave Desert; Colorado Desert. East to Arizona. Feb.-May.

Loca.—Inyo Co.: Furnace Creek ranch, Death Valley, J. Grinnell, Mohave Desert; Rassor, Mohave River sink, *Jepson* 6869; Needles, Colorado Desert; Blythe jct., Mura & Greenwood 2587; betw. Seawind and Salton Sea, *Clary* 2066; Mecca (sandhill no.), Parish 8465; Borrego Spgs. betw. Seawind and Salton Sea, *Jepson* 19,742.

Refa.—*CRYPTANTHA COSTATA* Bdg., Bot. Gaz. 27: 453 (1899), type loc. Borrego Spgs., w. Colorado Desert, T. Brundage; *Jepson*, Man. 847 (1925). *C. seorsa* Mcbr., Contrab. Gray Herb. 48: 46 (1916), type loc. Needles, Jones 3841.

19. *C. saxorum* Jepson sp. n. Stem widely branching from the base, $1\frac{1}{2}$ to $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches high, forming small plants 2 to 4 inches broad; herbage spreading-hispid, the hairs of the leaves pustulate-dilated at base; leaves lanceolate, sessile, 4 to 12 lines long; spikes short and dense (4 to 9 lines long), conspicuously bracteate; calyx short-bristly, densely tufted with white hairs at base; corolla $\frac{1}{2}$ line wide; nutlets 4, equal, ovate, light brown, thinly papillate both sides, the marginal wing very narrow or linearate; dorsal side of nutlets low-rounded, the ventral side low but convexly 2-planed; ventral groove closed, with forked areola at base; style $\frac{1}{4}$ longer than nutlets.—(*Planta pygmaea*, $1\frac{1}{2}$ – $2\frac{1}{2}$ unc. alta, 2–4 unc. lata, e basi late diffusa; herba patenti-hispida, foliorum pilis basi pustulato-dilatatis; folia lanceolata sessilia, 4–12 lin. longa; racemi breves (4–9 lin.), densi, valde bracteati; calyx setis brevibus praeditus, basi pilis albis dense caespitosus; corolla $\frac{1}{4}$ lin. lata; nuculae 4, aquae, ovatae, pallido-fuscae, utrinque sparsopapillatae, ala marginalis perangusta vel lineata; dorsum nuculae depresso-rotundatum, venter depresso tamen convexo-biplanus; sulcus ventralis occlusus, basi areola fureata; stylus $\frac{1}{4}$ longior nuculis.)

Lava hills, 3000 feet: near Tiefort Mt., eastern Mohave Desert. Apr.

Ref.—*CRYPTANTHA SAXORUM* Jepson: type loc. lava hill 1 mile sw. of Bicycle Lake, near Tiefort Mt., Mohave Desert, Jepson 20,350 (typ. in Herbario Jepsonianus).

20. *C. inaequata* Jtn. Stem erect, branching from the base or above, 5 to 12 inches high; herbage spreading-bristly, the bristles pustulate-dilated at base; leaf-blades narrowly linear or linear-ob lanceolate, very dark green, $\frac{1}{2}$ to $1\frac{1}{4}$ inches long; spikes somewhat loose, $\frac{1}{4}$ to $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches long; calyx-lobes linear-elliptic, short-villous and sparsely long-bristly; corolla $\frac{1}{2}$ to $1\frac{1}{2}$ lines broad; nutlets 4, ovate (the apex obtusish), 1 large and not evidently margined, 3 slightly smaller and with a narrow whitish margin, conspicuously sprinkled on back with whitish papillae on a brown ground, the ventral side convexly 2-planed, the ventral suture opening downward into an open forked areola; style $\frac{1}{4}$ longer than nutlets.

Rich soil pockets in cañon bottoms of rocky desert ranges or lava flats, 200 to 4000 feet: eastern Mohave Desert; eastern Inyo Co. East to Nevada. Apr.

(diag. note.—*Cryptantha inaequata* represents a case of an adequate but long unrecognized species. It was named and described, to speak, in the shadow of *C. holoptera*. Its nutlets, too, save for the linear margin, resemble those of the smaller nutlets of the four in *Cryptantha angustifolia*. *Cryptantha inaequata* has, however, the advantage of distinguishing characters other than those of the nutlets. That it escaped critical notice previous to 1922 is due, I suspect, partly to its rarity. Even to this time few collections have been made.—Eastern Mohave Desert: Lavié, Jepson 15,456; Baxter, Parish 9855; Inyo Co.: Argus Range (a. end), Jepson 19,551; Furnace Creek wash, Funeral Mts., Jepson 6926.

Refs.—*CRYPTANTHA INAEQUATA* Jtn., Univ. Cal. Publ. Bot. 7:444 (1922), type loc. Pleasant Cañon, Panamint Range, Inyo Co., Hall & Chouandler 6925. *Johnstonella inaequata* Brand; Fedde, Report. Sp. Nov. 21:290 (1925).

21. *C. holoptera* Mebr. Stem erect, branching, $\frac{1}{2}$ to $1\frac{1}{2}$ feet high; herbage grayish, the leaves and stems spreading-bristly, the stems also appressed-hispid; leaf-blades oblong to linear or lanceolate, $\frac{1}{2}$ to $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches long, thickly white-dotted with pustules at the base of the bristles; spikes with minute scattered bracts, openly paniculate, $\frac{1}{2}$ to $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches long, the flowers at length discrete; calyx-lobes lanceolate, $\frac{3}{4}$ (in fruit $1\frac{1}{4}$) lines long, thickly set with short ascending bristles; corolla $\frac{1}{4}$ line wide; nutlets 4, equal, truncate at base, $\frac{3}{4}$ line long, white-papillate upon a brownish ground and wing-margined, the wing entire and slightly turned outward, same color body and $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ as wide as the body; dorsal side of the nutlets a little flattish, the ventral side convexly 2-planed, the ventral groove widened downwards from about the middle.

Gravelly or rocky ground, 50 to 3500 feet: eastern Mohave Desert; Colorado Desert. East to Arizona. Apr.

Locs.—Mohave Desert: The Caves, Mohave River sink, Parish 9855. Colorado Desert: Four-S ranch, 23 mi. ne. of Ophir, Muns & Hitchcock 12,173; Painted Cañons, Mecca Hills, Jepson 11,678; Split Mt. (near Fish Mt.), T. Brandegree; Calexico, Dury 8907.

Refs.—*CRYPTANTHA HOLOPTERA* Mebr., Contrib. Gray Herb. 48:44 (1916); *Jepson*, Man. Ariz., *Polymer*, *Krysztkia holoptera* Gray, Lc. 20:276 (1885). *Oreocarya holoptera* Greene, Pitt. 1:58 (1887).

22. C. pterocarya Greene. Stem slender and loosely branched or diffusely much branched from base, 5 to 9 inches high, rather densely leafy at base, less leafy above; herbage hispid with appressed or spreading hairs; leaf-blades linear, $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1 inch long, the basal ones conspicuously tessellate-pustulate; spikes in 2s or 3s, short ($\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ or rarely $\frac{3}{4}$ inch long), bractless, at first glomerate; calyx-lobes linear, in fruit becoming ovate, densely or thinly soft-hairy and somewhat yellowish, sometimes with a few bristles; corolla $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ inch broad; fruiting calyx 1 to 2 lines long; the nutlet wings protruded between the lobes so as to give an angular aspect to the distended calyx; nutlets 4, the body lanceolate, papillate on the back, wing-margined, the wings white-chartaceous, as broad as body or somewhat broader, crenate or fimbriate-toothed, especially towards apex (or 1 nutlet wingless and of a different color).

Gravelly slopes of canions and dry desert mesas, wholly transmontane, 200 to 5700 feet; Colorado and Mohave deserts; southern Sierra Nevada in Kern Co.; Inyo and Lassen Cos. East to Texas, north to Washington. Apr.-June.

Locs.—Colorado Desert: Myers Creek bridge, San Imperial Co., *Jepson* 11,785; San Felipe Mts., *Jepson* 12,564; Mohave Desert; Goffs, *Nelson* 550; Barstow, New York Mts., *Jepson* 5472; Essex, *Jepson* 18,158a; Hole-in-the-Wall, Providence Mts., *Jepson* 18,321; Willow Spring, (cove below), Old Dog Mts., *Jepson* 29,404; Newberry (lava sv.), Nelson Co., Old Mt., *Jepson* 15,487; Granite Mts., (s. of Avawatz Mts.), *Jepson* 17,305; Paradise Mts., (4½ mi. n. cove), *Jepson* 20,326; Barstow, *Jepson* 29,562; Kramer, *Jepson* 5518; Rock Creek, n. slope San Gavino Mts., *Peterson* 477; Red Rock Cañon, s. end El Paso Mts., *Alison Kramer*, Southern Sierra Nevada, Kern Co.; Kernville, T. Brandegee, Inyo Co.; Johnson Cañon, Panamint Range, *Jepson* 19,601; Panamint Flat, Ender 39; Hole-in-the-Rock Sp., Daylight Pass, Grapevine Mts., *Jepson* 19,809; Alabama Hills, Remer 60; Black Cañon, White Mts., Duran 574. Lassen Co.: Honey Lake, T. Brandegee.

Refs.—*CRYPTANTHA PTEROCARYA* Greene, Pitt. 1:120 (1887); *Jepson*, Man. 849 (1925). *Eritrichium pterocarpum* Torr., Bot. Mex. Bound. 142 (1859).—In this work *Torr* is for the first time publishing the name, *Eritrichium pterocaryon*, not as originally used in his publication, but now as derived from a manuscript later issued as his *Phanerogamia* of the Pacific Coast, Wilkes Expd. 415, pl. 13 (1874), this name being first based on a collection made at Walla Walla, Wash. (*Pickering & Breckinridge*), which locality may, therefore, be regarded as the type locality. *Kryniatikia pterocarpa* Gray, Proc. Am. Acad. 1:207 (1845). *Eritrichium pterocarpum* var. *pectinatum* Gray, Lc. 10:61 (1874), type loc. Utah, *Perry*. *Kryniatikia pterocarpa* var. *pectinata* Gray, Lc. K. *cycloptera* Greene, Bull. Cal. Acad. 1:207 (1880), type loc. Tucson, Ariz., *Pringle*. *C. cycloptera* Greene, Pitt. 1:120 (1887). *C. pterocarya* var. *cycloptera* Mebr., Contrib. Gray Herb. 45:44 (1916). *C. pterocarya* var. *purpurea* Jepson, Man. 849 (1925), type loc. Argus Mts., Inyo Co., *Purpus* 5433.

23. C. oxygona Greene. Stem slender, branching, 5 to 14 inches high; herbage ascending-hispid; leaf-blades long-linear, $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{1}{4}$ inches long; spikes short; geminate, ternate or paniculate, in fruit becoming a little loose; calyx-lobes densely silky-hirsute and short-bristly; corolla ($\frac{1}{4}$ or) 2 to 3 lines broad; fruiting calyx $\frac{1}{2}$ lines long, slightly exceeding nutlets; nutlets 4, the body ovate, short-attenuate, thickly papillate, 1 line long; 3 of the nutlets bordered by a membranous erose wing closed or slightly open, forked at base; style about equaling nutlets.

Gravelly washes or rich flats, 300 to 5000 feet; inner South Coast Range and the bordering San Joaquin Valley plain; Tehachapi Mts.; Sierra Nevada from Madera Co. to Kern Co.; Mono Co.; northern Mohave Desert; San Gabriel Mts.; Santa Rosa Mts. East to Nevada. Mar.-May.

Locs.—Inner South Coast Range (on east slope) and its bordering San Joaquin Valley plain: Ortega Valley (Gathering hills), w. Merced Co., *Hoover* 4370; Arroyo Honda wash, w. Fresno Co., *Hoover* 1876; Alcalde, sw. Fresno Co., T. Brandegee; McKittrick, Kern Co., *Heller*

7789. Sierra Nevada: near Minarets, Madera Co., *Congdon*; Erskine Creek, Kern Co., *Purpus* 509; Tehachapi Mts.; Tehachapi Pass, K. Brandegee; Mono Co.: Watson's Mdw., *Renssler* 5. Northern Mohave Desert: Red Rock Canyon, El Paso Mts., *Allison* *Kranz*. San Gabriel Mts.: betw. Pine Flats and Chilao, *Feirman* 2463. Santa Rosa Mts.: Vandeventer Flat, *Hall* 1161; Coyote Cañon, *Hall* 2849.

Refs.—*CYPTANTHA OXYGONA* Greene, Pitt. 1:120 (1887). *Eritrichium oxygonum* Gray, Proc. Am. Acad. 19:89 (1883), type loc. "hills bordering Mohave Desert," Pringle. *Kryniotis* *oxygona* Gray, Lc. 20:277 (1885).

24. **C. gracilis** Osterh. Stem branched from the base, 3 to 11 inches high, the branchlets ending in bractless spikes; herbage spreading-hispid; leaf-blades narrowly linear, 4 to 10 lines long, sessile or subsessile, the hairs pustulate-dilated at base; spikes very dense and remaining dense, short (2 to 7 lines long), borne in clusters of 2 of 1 or 2 or several very slender long bristles set at or near the apex; corolla minute ($\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ line broad), the limb very definitely elevated above the contracted mouth of the relatively large calyx; nutlet 1, ovate-acuminate, smooth, $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ line long, flattish dorsally or a little curved from base to apex, the lateral angles definite and sometimes a little sharp, the ventral side convexly 2-planed, the nutlet thus nearly 3-sided like a buckwheat grain; basal areola small; style $\frac{3}{4}$ as long as nutlet.

Desert hillslopes and flats, 3000 and 5700 feet: eastern Mohave Desert; Inyo Co. East to Colorado. May.

Locs.—Eastern Mohave Desert: Fountain Cañon, Providence Mts., *Jepson* 18,192; Gilroy Cañon, Providence Mts., *Jepson* 18,233; Barswell, New York Mts., K. Brandegee. Inyo Co.: Black Cañon, White Mts.

Refs.—*CYPTANTHA GRACILIS* Osterhout, Bull. Torr. Club 39:236 (1903), type loc. Glenwood Sprs., Garfield Co., Colo., *Osterhout* 2559. *C. hillmannii* Nels. & Ken., Proc. Biol. Soc. Wash. 19:157 (1906), type loc. Huffaker ranch near Rosedale, Nev., *Hillman*. *C. gracilis* var. *hillmannii* M. & J., Bull. Torr. Club 49:39 (1922).

25. **C. microstachys** Greene. Stem rigidly erect, branched from the base or above, greenish or sometimes dark reddish, slender, 3 to 12 (or 18) inches high; herbage spreading-hirsute throughout; leaf-blades linear or linear-lanceolate, $\frac{1}{2}$ to 2 inches long; spikes very slender, generally ternate, at length elongated (1 to $\frac{3}{4}$ inches long) and flexuous or a little curved, the flowers discrete; calyx-lobes linear-attenuate above the lanceolate base, finely short-hairy and bristly, the 3 outer lobes densely, divergently and unequally long-bristly, usually on lower half, the longer bristles often longer than the lobes; fruiting calyx ascending, $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1 line long; corolla $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ lines broad; nutlet 1, lanceolate or ovate-attenuate or -rostrate, smooth and polished, rounded dorsally and ventrally (that is, circular in cross-section) or the ventral side slightly 2-planed, the groove mainly closed.

Slopes and cañons in the foothills, often in open woods or in chaparral, especially characteristic of the Adenostoma formation, 50 to 3000 feet: inner and middle Coast Ranges from Glenn Co. to San Luis Obispo Co.; Sierra Nevada in Kern Co.; cismontane Southern California. Apr.-June.

Locs.—Coast Ranges: Alder Sprs. (9 mi. e.), Glenn Co., *Heller* 11,444; Epperson road sta., Colusa Co., *Wright* 10,000; Sutter Butte (4 mi. n.), Yolo Co., *Hoover* 3190; Bell Cañon, Howell Mt., Napa Range, *Jepson* 18,868; Dutch Flat, Placer Co., *Mitchell* 100; Antioch, K. Brandegee; Oyster Ridge, Mt. Diablo, *Bowens* 2182; Sonoma Co., Santa Rosa Mts., *Jepson* 21,123; Estrella, San Luis Obispo Co., Jared. Sierra Nevada in Kern Co., Bald Mt., *Graham* C. N. Smith 200. Cismontane, S. Cal.: North Fork Seymour Creek, Mt. Palomar, *Pfeifer* 3224; Painted Cave ranch, Santa Ynez Mts., Eastwood; Topanga Cañon, Santa Monica Mts., Barber; Rubio Cañon (foothills), San Gabriel Mts., *Feirman* 172; San Bernardino, *Parish* 5645; San Jacinto River cañon, *Jepson* 1281; Campo (10 mi. w.), San Diego Co., *Mazza* & Johnston 12,628. Refs.—*CYPTANTHA MICROSTACHYS* Greene, Pitt. 1:113 (1887). *Kryniotis microstachys* Greene, Proc. Am. Acad. 20:269 (1885), type loc. Fort Tejon, Kern Co., *Xanthus* 84.

26. **C. hispidula** Greene. Stem erect, slender, widely branching above the base, 5 to 15 inches high; herbage spreading-hispid; leaf-blades linear, 4 to 9 lines

long; spikes ternate or geminate, soon loose, $\frac{1}{2}$ to 3 inches long; calyx 1 to $1\frac{1}{4}$ lines long, its lobes linear, densely short-hispid with spreading hairs, the lower part of the outer lobes tufted with a row of deflexed or spreading bristles; corolla 1 to $1\frac{1}{2}$ lines broad; nutlet 1, smooth, polished, ovate or lanceolate but narrowed into a slender beak, almost circular in cross-section (high-rounded on back, rounded on face), the ventral groove shortly forked at base; style shorter than nutlet.

Rocky slopes, 1000 to 3000 feet; Lake Co. to Napa Co. Apr.-June.

Geog. note.—*Cryptantha hispidula* is restricted to areas situated in Lake County and Napa Co. The following stations may be cited: ridge e. of Indian Valley, ne. Lake Co., Hoover 3582; near Cobb Valley, sw. Lake Co., T. Walker; Snell Valley, ne. Lake Co., Jepson 18,825; Limekiln Creek, Pope Valley, Napa Co., Tracy 18,812; Moore's Creek, Hock Mt., Napa Co., Tracy 1575; between Mounts and Pope Valley, M. S. Baker. Although very close to *Cryptantha clevelandii* morphologically, *Cryptantha hispidula* is geographically segregated from that species and in addition occupies a different sort of habitat. The differences between the two units, as here accepted, are difficult to express in present differentiation terms. *Cryptantha hispidula* has very slender stems, *Cryptantha clevelandii* rather stout ones. The nutlet of *Cryptantha hispidula* is very thick and rounded and rather bluntly pointed, the beak being beaked. The nutlet of *Cryptantha clevelandii* is low-rounded on the back, usually a little flattened on the face, that is, it is slightly constricted, and is lanceolate, sometimes with attenuate apex, rarely with spreading hairs, the midrib of the lobes armed with a row of bristles mostly on lower part, the bristles spreading or sometimes markedly deflexed. The calyx in *Cryptantha clevelandii* is clothed with ascending hairs and throughout with divergently spreading long bristles. The difference between these two, as indicated, may not be strong enough to sustain *Cryptantha hispidula* as a sound species, but although the characters for *Cryptantha clevelandii* are notably variable, the characters drawn for *Cryptantha hispidula* are constant and uniform in all collections made in the various parts of the area.

Refs.—*CRYPTANTHA HISPIDULA* Greene; Baker, West. Am. Plants 2:19 (1903), nomen nudum; Brand in Engler, Pflanzen 4²²:60 (1931), type loc. Knoxville, ne. Napa Co., C. F. Baker 2966.

27. *C. clevelandii* Greene. Stems branching from the base or subsimple, slender, 3 to 18 inches high; herbage appressed- or spreading-hispid; leaf-blades linear to oblong, $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ or 1 inch long; spikes geminate or ternate or paniculate, $\frac{1}{2}$ to $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches long, dense or at length loose; calyx 1 to $1\frac{1}{2}$ lines long; calyx-lobes linear, hispitate-appressed and markedly spreading-bristly throughout; corolla $\frac{1}{4}$ to $1\frac{1}{4}$ lines broad; nutlets 1 to 4, lanceolate, attenuate or acuminate, smooth and polished, rounded dorsally, convexly 2-planed ventrally or flattish; groove closed, the basal areola small, open; style $\frac{3}{4}$ as long as nutlets, or equaling or slightly surpassing them.

Rocky or sandy hillslopes, especially luxuriant on "burns" in the chaparral, 5 to 2500 feet; South Coast Ranges from Stanislaus Co. to San Luis Obispo Co.; coastal Southern California. South to Lower California. Mar.-May (or Aug.).

Geog. note.—In the South Coast Ranges, *Cryptantha clevelandii* extends toward the coast but coastal; there it replaces the more northern *Cryptantha leucocarpa*, from which it is scarcely distinguishable.

Loes.—South Coast Ranges: Puerto Cañon, w. Stanislaus Co., Hoover 4327; west Scott Valley and Felton, Santa Cruz Mts., Yates 2524; Big Sur River (coast cliffs s.), Hoover 3787; Jolon grade near King City, K. Brandege; San Luis Obispo, Condit; Annette (2 mi. ne.), inner South Coast Range, w. Kern Co., Wiggins 5977; Tehachapi Mts.: Tehachapi, K. Brandege. Cima Mts. 11,964; Santa Cruz Isl., Frida Sezauer; Hueneme, Santa Monica Co., Peirce 5774; Santa Catalina Isl., Peirce 10,647; Santa Monica Cañon, Santa Monica Mts., Barber 116; San Diego, Greene.

In the form called *Cryptantha hispidissima* Greene, the style equals the nutlets or slightly surpasses them, while in *Cryptantha clevelandii* the style is $\frac{3}{4}$ as long as the nutlets. This distinction does not, however, seem to segregate material into two groups that are in any wise significant, and the former binomial is, therefore, reduced to synonymy. When *Cryptantha clevelandii* exhibits large corollas (2 to $2\frac{1}{2}$ lines wide) it is var. *florosa* Jepson, ranging from San Luis Obispo Co. (Arrayo Grande, Jepson 20,263) and Santa Barbara Co. (Purisima Hills, Jepson 11,923) south to San Diego.

Var. *dissita* (Jin.) Jepson & Hoover comb. n. Stem stoutish, branching; calyx 3 to $3\frac{1}{2}$ lines long; corolla 3 lines broad; nutlets 1 to 3, evate, attenuate or subrotate; style slightly exceeding nutlets.—Chaparral hills, 1300 to 1500 feet; western Lake Co. (Scott Valley, Tracy 1744).

Refs.—*CRYPTANTHA CLEVELANDII* Greene, Pitt. 1:117 (1887), type loc. San Diego, *Cleveland & Greene*; *C. rufitrix* Greene, Pitt. 1:160 (1888), type loc. San Jose, *Rufitrix*; *C. obransii* Jtn., *C. californica* Gray var. *obransi* (Gray), type loc. San Pedro Hills near Malaga Cove, Los Angeles Co., Abrams 3129; *C. hispidula* var. *obransi* (Gray); Engler, Pflz. 4th:60 (1931). *C. brandegeei* Jtn., Ic. 68:53; type loc. Santa Rosa Isl., T. Brandegee; *C. hispidula* Greene, Pitt. 1:118 (1887), type loc. San Luis Obispo Co., *Lemon*. *C. leiocarpa* var. *hispidissima* Greene, Pitt. 1:118 (1887), type loc. San Luis Obispo Co., *Lemon*. *C. leiocarpa* var. *hispidissima* (Miers) Gray, Gray Herb. 48:43 (1916). *C. clevelandii* var. *hispidissima* Jtn.; Munz, Man. 427 (1935). *Var. floscosa* Jtn., Contrib. Gray Herb. 74:95 (1925), type loc. Linda Vista, San Diego Co., Macbride & Payson 797. *Var. hispita* Jepson & Hoover. *C. dissita* Jtn., Jour. Arn. Arb. 20:383 (1939), type loc. "near foot of grade w. of Lakeport," Lake Co. (i.e., probably near Highland Sprs.), M. S. Baker 8956.

28. *C. leiocarpa* Greene. Stem commonly branched from the base, 5 to 18 inches high, the branches many, ending in a short spike or in a dense glomerule of spikes; herbage hispid with spreading hairs, often densely so; leaf-blades linear, $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1 or $\frac{1}{2}$ inches long; spikes leafy-bracted at base, rarely bractless, mostly short and glomerate, $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ inch long; calyx-lobes linear or linear-lanceolate, sometimes oblong, dark green, ascending-hirsute and spreading-bristly, 2 to 3 lines long; corolla $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ lines wide; nutlets usually 4, rarely 1, narrowly ovate or lanceolate-rostrate, smooth, rounded dorsally, flattish ventrally, the lateral angles marked by a somewhat definite line but essentially obtuse, the ventral groove minutely forked at base on the fork obsolete.

Sand dunes, sandy flats or grassy headlands, 5 to 500 feet: along the coast line from Los Angeles Co. to Humboldt Co., North to southern Oregon. Apr.-June. Geog. note.—On morphological grounds *Cryptantha leiocarpa* is weakly and inconsistently distinguishable from *clevelandii*. By restricting, as is here done, citations of stations to the coast line, the practical effect of morphological weakness is thereby lessened. It is hoped, then, this division will prove sufficiently, further inquiry: Playa del Rey, Los Angeles Co., Parish 11,864; Santa Rosa Isl., T. Brandegee; San Luis Obispo Co., *K. Brandegei*; Presidio, San Francisco, Japan 21,129; Pt. Reyes, Marin Co., *Carrus*; Bodega Head, Sonoma Co., *K. Brandegee*; Cape Mendocino, Tracy 9939 (all nutlets convexly 2-planned or flat).

Refs.—*CRYPTANTHA LEIOCARPA* Greene, Pitt. 1:117 (1887); Jepson, Fl. W. Mid. Cal. 445 (1901), ed. 2, 348 (1911), Man. 850 (1925). *Echinopserus leiocarpum* F. & M., Ind. Sem. Hort. Petrop. 2:36 (1836), type loc. Ft. Ross, Sonoma coast; Linnæa 11: Litt.-Ber. 104 (1837); Bryson 2:140 (1894). *Aryntzia leioarpa* F. & M., Le. 7:52 (1841). *Eritrichium leiocarpum*C. leiocarpa var. *crenascroides* Brand; Engler, Pflz. 4th:53 (1931), type loc. Monterey, J. Bull.

29. *C. ganderi* Jtn. Bushy-branching plant 4 to 15 inches high; herbage spreading-hispid; leaf-blades linear or linear-lanceolate, mostly sessile, $\frac{3}{4}$ to 1 inch long; spikes mostly solitary, loose, 3 to 5 inches long; calyx 4 lines long, tufted on lower half with long divergent bristles, the lobes linear-filiform, densely ascending-hirsute on lower half inside; corolla minute ($\frac{1}{2}$ line wide); nutlet 1, smooth, ovate-rostrate, low-rounded or flattish dorsally, flattish ventrally, the lateral angles obtuse, the ventral groove widely forked at the sub-truncatish base of nutlet.

Desert valleys, 700 to 1100 foot: Borrego Valley, northeastern San Diego Co., Colorado Desert. South to Lower California and Sonora (Jour. Arn. Arb. 20: 386). Apr.

Tax. note.—In all its single features *Cryptantha ganderi* resembles closely various California species of *Cryptantha*. In the sum total of its characters, however, it seems an unusual plant and may be expected to have that which it apparently does not have, a distinctive or unique feature of a kind which in my view characterizes other southwestern species of this genus. Dorsally, the nutlets bear a few very sharp, well-defined microscopic mamilations or needle-like points—but these represent very obscure and inconsiderable structures.

Ref.—*CRYPTANTHA GANDERI* Jtn., Jour. Arn. Arb. 20:386 (1939), type loc. Borrego Valley, San Diego Co., *Gander* 5323 (merotyp. vidi).

30. *C. maritima* Greene. Stem usually stout with many ascending branches, 5 to 11 inches high; herbage rufescens, hispid, often also appressed-hirsute; leaves linear, somewhat thickened, $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1 inch long; spikes densely flowered, elongate in age, freely bracteate, the bracts linear, 1 to 3 lines long; calyx-lobes linear-oblong to filiform, 1 line long, spreading-bristly (some bristles as long as the lobes) and

densely tufted with soft hairs (the hairs ascending and subequal) or the tufts often early deciduous; corolla $\frac{1}{4}$ line broad; nutlets solitary or usually so, ovate-attenuate, smooth, brown, rounded dorsally, a little rounded or convexly 2-planed ventrally, the angles sharply defined and subacute, the groove closed.

Gravelly washes, sandy flats in cañon-bottoms, and coastal mesas, 100 to 3500 feet: Inyo Co.; eastern Mohave Desert; western Colorado Desert; San Diego coast; Santa Barbara Isls. Mar.-May.

Locs.—Inyo Co., Inyo, T. Brandegee; Furnace Creek, Funeral Mts., Parish, Eastern Mohave Desert; Needles (11 miles w.), $\frac{1}{2}$ mile δ Herwood 3611. Western Colorado Desert; Painted Cañon, Mecca Hills, Jepson 11,400; Coachella (wash e.), Schellenger 254; Bailey Well, w. Imperial Co., Jepson 17,093; Vallecito, e. San Diego, Jepson 3563; Split Mt. (near Fish Mt.), Parish 1922; Santa Barbara Isls.; Santa Barbara Isl., Santa Catalina Isl., T. Brandegee; San Nicolas Isl., Tracy 56; San Clemente Isl., Marburger 196. San Diego coast; Pt. Loma, Orcutt.

Var. *pilosissima* Jtn. Calyx densely tufted with soft ascending hairs; the tips of the lobes with a few divergent long bristles.—Inyo Co.; eastern Mohave Desert; Colorado Desert. East to Nevada and Arizona, south to Lower California. It is often associated with the species but has a markedly distinctive appearance. The ventral face of the nutlets is somewhat flattish and the lateral angles obtuse.

Locs.—Inyo Co.: Hole-in-the-Rock Spr., Daylight Pass, Grapevine Mts., Jepson 19,808; Argus Range (n. end), Jepson 19,553. Mohave Desert: Needles, Ambry Crater, Jepson 20,204; Kane Spr., Ord Mt., Hall & Chandler 6807; Currans, Pitt 9798. Colorado Desert; Painted Cañon, Mecca Hills, Jepson 11,6358; Coachella (wash e.), Schellenger 251; Signal Mt., T. Brandegee.

Refs.—*CRYPTANTHA MARTITA* Greene, Pitt. 1:117 (1887); Pitt. & J., Bull. Acad. 1:204 (1888); Gray, J. Bot. 6:258 (1888). *K. muritima* Greene, Bull. Cal. Acad. 1:203 (Aug., 1885); type loc. Guadalupe Isl., Cal., Palmer, Greene, Pitt. 1:116 (1887); Jepson, Man. 847 (1925). Var. *pilosissima* Greene, Pitt. 7:440 (1922), type loc. Los Angeles Bay, L. Cal., Palmer 551.

31. *C. mohavensis* Greene. Stem branching low, forming a bushy plant 4 to 13 inches high; herbage spreading-hirsip; leaf-blades linear, $\frac{1}{4}$ to $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches long; spikes $\frac{3}{4}$ to $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches long, borne in terminal glomerules or in terminal loose clusters; calyx-lobes linear, ascending-hirsute and sparingly spreading-bristly; corolla $\frac{1}{2}$ to $2\frac{1}{4}$ lines broad; nutlets 4, ovate-acute, truncate at base, smooth, polished, flattish or subflattish dorsally, somewhat flattish on the ventral side or convexly 2-planed, the lateral angles obtuse.

Sandy flats, 2000 to 6000 feet: mesa borders of the Tehachapi Mts. or in their lower cañons; southern Sierra Nevada in Tulare and Inyo Cos. East to Nevada. May.

Locs.—Tehachapi Mts.: betw. Mohave Sta. (Mohave Desert) and Cameron Sta. (lower Tehachapi Pass), K. Brandegee; Bena Sta. (near Caliente), Heller 7642. Inyo Co.: Gray, South Fork Oak Creek, S. W. Austin 629; Andrews Camp, Bishop Creek, T. Brandegee.

Refs.—*CRYPTANTHA MOHAYENSI* Greene, Pitt. 1:120 (1887). *K. mohavensis* Greene, Pitt. 1:120 (1887), type loc. "Mohave Desert," *Curran* (that is, region of Mohave Sta., most probably in the lower Tehachapi Pass). *C. fallax* Greene, Pitt. 5:54 (1909); type loc. Tehachapi, Greene, C. incana Greene, Lits. 1:79 (1904), type loc. Nine-Mile Creek, Tulare Co., Culbertson 4537 (seems to belong here.—R. P. Hoover). *C. torreyana* var. *tehuacana* Jepson, Man. 850 (1925).

32. *C. torreyana* Greene. Stem erect, usually stout, branched from the middle or the base, 7 to 21 inches high; herbage spreading rough-hirsip; leaf-blades linear, $1\frac{1}{2}$ to $2\frac{1}{4}$ inches long; spikes in 1s, 2s or 3s, $\frac{1}{4}$ to 1 inch long and dense, or sometimes elongated and loose (2 to 3 inches long); calyx-lobes narrowly linear, spreading-bristly and ascending-hirsute; corolla minute ($\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ line broad); fruiting calyx much exceeding fruit, 2 to 4 lines long, a little constricted at summit of nutlets, the tips of the lobes spreading; nutlets 4, ovate, acute, smooth, a little flattish back, convexly 2-planed ventrally, the lateral angles obtuse, the groove and its short basal fork closed.

Grassy open or half-shady or brushy hillslopes, 1500 to 6600 (7300) feet: North Coast Ranges from Sonoma Co. to western Siskiyou Co.; west slope Sierra Nevada from Kern Co. to eastern Siskiyou Co.; east side Sierra Nevada from Mono Co. to Modoc Co. East to Utah and Wyoming, north to British Columbia. May-June.

Locs.—Coast Ranges: Santa Rosa Creek cañon, Sonoma Co., M. S. Baker 629; South Mill Creek (bend), se. of Ukiah, Jepson 9234; Edna Valley, ne. Mendocino Co., Jepson 61,122; Lodi Valley, east Mendocino Co., Tracy 5306; South Yolla Bolly, se. Trinity Co., Jepson 21,134; Castle Mt., near Shelter Cove, ne. Mendocino Co., Tracy 6220; betw. Three Creeks and Willow Creek, n. Humboldt Co., Tracy 5841; Three Parks of Mad River, Trinity Co., Tracy 10,206; Bee Creek, n. Tehama Co., Jepson 15,200; Bear Valley, Siskiyou Co., Jepson 21,131. Sierra Nevada: Poso Creek, Greenhorn Mts., Half & Backbone; between Devil's Spr. and Cedar Creek, North Fork Kaweah River, Jepson 598; Chowchilla School, Mariposa Co.; Jepson 12,200; Diamond Creek, Middle Fork Stanislaus River, Jepson 6500a; near Alpine Camp, upper Truckee River, Placer Co., M. Wheeler; Bear Valley, near Emigrant Gap, Jepson 21,131; Yuba Pass, Sierra Co., Jepson 10,325; Rock Creek, Meadow Valley, Plumas Co., Jepson 19,337; Rich Gulch, Plumas Co., Follett 99; Shaver Creek, Siskiyou Co., Condit. East side of Sierra Nevada: Walker River, Mono Co., Mext 7571; Don Valley, n. Nevada Co., Jepson 21,132; North Fork Bidwell Creek, n. Warner Mts., Jepson 7007.

Var. pumila Jtn. Plants often dwarfish; 2 to 5 inches high; fruiting calyx $\frac{1}{4}$ line long; nutlets smaller.—South Coast Ranges (Los Gatos, foothills w., Heller 7458; Penitencia Creek, near Mt. Hamilton); foothills, Rattan; Mt. Diablo, Bowerman 2245; Strawberry Cañon, Berkeley Hills, Tracy 793) ; Marin Co. (Mt. Tamalpais).

Var. serutata Jepson nom. n. Stem erect, weak, 7 to 16 inches high, divergently few-branched, the branches long, slender, flexuous; calyx $\frac{1}{4}$ line long, densely ascending-hispid with short hooked hairs at the lobes with a few much reduced bristles, these bristles very slender and spreading, sometimes slightly shorter, but rising above the appressed hairs at an angle; corolla 1 to $\frac{1}{4}$ lines wide.—Chaparral, open woods and rocky outcrops, 500 to 3000 feet; North Coast Ranges from Lake Co. to Del Norte Co., April-June.

Tax. note.—The nutlets of var. *serutata* are like those of the species, *Cryptantha torreyana*. For example, in representative collections, the nutlets of *var. serutata* in a collection from the hills near the mouth of the South Fork Trinity (*Tracy* 10,441) are identical with the nutlets in a collection of *Cryptantha torreyana* from Chamise Mt., near Shelter Cove, *Tracy* 6220; the nutlets in two other collections are alike in shape, in beak, in the flattened back, in the slightly raised ventral side, and in the form of the lobes. The two forms are alike in all other features save differences in habit and save that the nutlets of the two are extremely reduced in number and in size in the variety. Other stations for the variety may be cited as follows: Ruth (6 miles above), Mad River Valley, Trinity Co., *Tracy* 4298; New River Bluffs, Trinity Co., *Tracy* 6388; Smith River, Del Norte Co., Park 24,011 (det. R. F. Hoover).

Var. traskae (Jtn.) Jepson comb. n. Nutlets smaller than in the species, % as long, smooth but minutely tuberculate towards apex dorsally.—San Nicolas Isl.; San Clemente Isl., Mext 6674. The nutlets in the type of this variety in shape, basal fork of groove and somewhat triangular base resemble closely the nutlets of the species, *Cryptantha torreyana*. Although the variety is admittedly, widely separated geographically from the species, it cannot well be referred to the more nearly contiguous species, *Cryptantha clevelandii*, which differs in fundamental structure or account of its narrow thickened or subtuberous rostellate nutlets as opposed to the somewhat compressed broad nutlets of var. *traskae*.

Refa.—*CRYPTANTHUS TORREYANA* Greene, Pitt. 1:118 (1887); Jepson, Fl. W. Mid. Cal. 446 (1901), pl. 2, 34 (1911), Man. 850 (1925). *Krymtitska torreyana* Gray, Proc. Am. Acad. 30:271 (1885); *Cryptantha torreyana* Gray, Cat. (lectotype, Yosemite Valley, Torrey in 1865); cf. Johnston, Contrib. Gray, Herb. 74(1). *X. torreyana* var. *calycosperma* Gray, Lc., type loc. Lake Co., Rattan (no. 42, acc. Gray Herb.), the flowers capitellate and at ends of branches, the calyxes 3 lines long. *C. torreyana* subvar. *capitata* Brand; Engler, Pflanzenfamilien 2:100 (1905), type loc. Lake Co., Rattan 42. *C. torreyana* var. *collatoglossa* Jtn., Contrib. Gray Herb. 74:89 (1905), type loc. Lake Co., Tracy, *Tracy* 2094, a form with longer style. *C. trifurca* Eastw., Bull. Torr. Club 33:100 (1905), type loc. Klamathon, Siskiyou Co., Copeland 3550. *Var. PUMILA* Jtn., Contrib. Gray Herb. 74:89 (1905). *C. torreyana* H. H. Muhl. 2:242 (1906), type loc. summit Mt. Tamalpais, Marin Co., Heller 8402. *Var. SERUTATA* Jtn., Contrib. Gray Herb. 74:89 (1905), type loc. betw. Kelseyville and Lower Lake, Lake Co., M. S. Baker 7629 (typ. non vidi). *Var. TRASKAE* (Jtn.) Jepson. *C. traskae* Jtn., Contrib. Gray Herb. 74:77 (1925), type loc. San Nicolas Isl., Tracy.

33. *C. watsonii* Greene. Stem erect, branched, 4 to 10 inches high; herbage hirsute; leaf-blades narrowly oblong or linear, $\frac{1}{2}$ to $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches long; spikes 2 to 9 lines long; calyx-lobes lanceolate, thinly strigose and sparsely spreading-bristly; corolla $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ line broad; nutlets 4 or 3, smooth, narrow-ovate, flattish on back, convexly 2-planed on the ventral side, the lateral angles sharply acute, the ventral groove closed or nearly so, shortly forked at base.

Desert ranges, 5000 to 10,300 feet: White Mts. East to Colorado, north to Oregon and Montana. May-Aug.

Geg. note.—Distributed widely over the mountains of the Great Basin region, *Cryptantha watsonii* has never hitherto been reported from California. Three collections are available for

record; Big Prospector Mts., White Mts., *J. Griswold* in 1917 (det. R. F. Hoover, in 1928); Conway grade, n. of Mono Lake, *Hoover* 5431; Hot Creek, below Fales Hot Spgs., *Hoover* 5446. Refs.—*CYPTANTHA WATSONII* Greene, Pitt. 1:120 (1887). *Kryniotzia watsonii* Gray, Proc. Am. Acad. 20:271 (1885), type loc. Wasatch Mts., Utah, Watson.

34. *C. nemacioides* Greene. Stem slender, erect, simple or branching from the base, 6 to 14 inches high; herbage strigose and thinly spreading-bristly; leaves loosely hispid, the blades linear, $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{1}{4}$ inches long; spikes geminate or ternate, subifliform, at length elongated and loose, $\frac{1}{2}$ to 3 inches long; calyx-lobes linear-attenuate, the lower half densely spreading-bristly, the upper part densely clothed with short equal bristles bent slightly below the horizontal or markedly deflexed; corolla $\frac{3}{4}$ to 1 line broad; nutlets 1 to 4, ovate-lanceolate or ovate-attenuate, whitish, smooth and polished, rounded dorsally, the angles rounded, the ventral face convexly 2-planed, the groove closed; pericarp thin, fragile.

Barren clay banks or shaly outcrops in the hills and valleys, 75 to 3000 feet; Coast Ranges from Colusa Co. to San Luis Obispo Co., mostly in the inner range and sometimes in the bordering valleys; Tehachapi Mts., Apr.-May.

Locs.—North Coast Ranges from Colusa Co. (and its bordering Sacramento plain) to Napa Co., *T. Brandegee*; Sand Creek, w. Colusa Co. foothills, *Heller* 3017; Monticello (w. of), Napa Co., *S. Baker*; South Coast Ranges: Puerto Cañon, w. Stanislaus Co., *Hoover* 3362; North Fork Lewis River, Monterey Co., *Jepson* 2695; Diable Range, sw. Fresno Co., *Jepson* 15,393; Paso Robles, *K. Brandegee*. Tehachapi Mts.: Keene sta., *K. Brandegee*.

Refs.—*CYPTANTHA NEMACIOLA* Greene, Pitt. 1:118 (1887), type loc. "Colusa Co., Curran, most probably near the old-time Mountain House (present day Venado), on the 1884 route of the collector."

35. *C. affinis* Greene. Stem slender, erect, branching, 3 to 20 inches high; herbage ascending- or spreading-hispid; leaf-blades oblong to oblanceolate, $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{1}{4}$ inches long, those of the main stem often opposite; spikes solitary or geminate or ternate, soon very loose, 1 to 5 inches long, leafy at base; calyx-lobes linear, 1 to $\frac{1}{2}$ lines long, not elongating in fruit, ascending-hirsute and also spreading-bristly; corolla minute ($\frac{1}{4}$ line broad); nutlets ovate or ovate-lanceolate, acute or acuminate or short-rostellate, smooth, low-rounded on the back, attached only up to the middle of the gynobase, the lateral angles rounded, the ventral groove strongly excentric and closed; basal areols or fork none.

Hillslopes, 3000 to 8000 feet; Cuyamaca and San Bernardino mountains; North Coast Ranges from Lake Co. to western Siskiyou Co.; Sierra Nevada from Tulare Co. to eastern Siskiyou Co. East to Wyoming, north to Washington. June-July.

Locs.—S. Cal.: Cuyamaca Mts., *T. Brandegee*; San Bernardino Mts., *Hall*, North Coast Ranges; Cobb Mt., sw. Lake Co., *C. F. Newell*; Mt. Sanbedris, nw. Lake Co., *Heller* 5382; McKay Camp, South Fork Mt., e. Humboldt Co., *T. Brandegee*; Grouse Mt., Humboldt Co., *Tracy* 13,041; Ruth, Mad River Valley, Trinity Co., *Tracy* 8707; Central Forest, Trinity Summit, *Tracy* 10,398; Shasta Spgs., *Heller* 7562; Sierra Nevada: Giant Forest, Talmage, *K. Brandegee*; Huntington Lake, *A. L. Gray* 1154; Arnold Mdw., Madera Co., *A. L. Gray* 134; Pinecone Mdw., *Jepson* 4277; Strawberry m., Tuolumne Co., *Jepson* 650; San Antonio Creek, near Dorrington, Tulare Co., *Jepson* 10,114; Bear Valley, Nevada Co., *Jepson* 21,125; Prattville, Plumas Co., *T. Brandegee*; Chico Mdw., Butte Co., *Heller* 4581; Barst., se. Siskiyou Co., *Jepson* 20,097. East side Sierra Nevada: Mammoth, Mono Co., *K. Brandegee*; Webber Lakes (ne. of), Sierra Co., *S. B. Dorn*.

Refs.—*CYPTANTHA AFFINIS* Greene, Pitt. 1:117 (1887); *Jepson*, Man. 850 (1925). *Kryniotzia affinis* Gray, Proc. Am. Acad. 20:270 (1885), type loc. "eastern side of the Sierra Nevada" (the phrase first mentioned in the indication of range), with which must be associated the specific locality "Lower Lake, Terrey." *C. geminata* Greene, Lc. type loc. Truckee, Curran.

36. *C. glomeriflora* Greene. Stem diffusely branching from base or simple and erect, 1 to 5 inches high; herbage ascending-hirsute or the leaves ascending-bristly; leaf-blades linear-oblong, $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ inch long; flowers 2, 3 or 4 in very small glomerules (extremely reduced spikes 1 to $\frac{1}{4}$ lines long), at the ends of the branches, and also in glomerules (or sometimes solitary) in the axils of the leaves, even the lowest; calyx-lobes linear, $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{1}{4}$ line long, densely strigose and also spreading-bristly, the bristles often as long; corolla very minute ($\frac{1}{4}$ line broad); tral groove slightly off center, open only at base.

Montane slopes and meadows, 6000 to 10,650 feet, rare: Sierra Nevada, mostly east side or high easterly meadows, from Nevada Co. to Tulare Co.; Sweetwater and White mountains, Mono Co., July.

Loci.—Sierra Nevada: Truckee, Nev., *Sonore*; Eagle Mdw., Eagle Peak, Tuolumne Co., Hoover 1350; Rock Creek Lakes basin, Inyo Co., Peterson 11,146; Volcano Creek, Tulare Co., Hall & Babcock 5322; Mono Co.: Cottonwood Creek, Sweetwater Mts., Hoover 5540; near Big Prospector Mdw., White Mts., Jepson 7357.

Hab.—*Cryptantha flaccida* Greene, Pitt. 1:116 (1887), type loc., Truckee (2 mi. below), *Sonore*; Japan, Man., Saito (1925).

37. C. flaccida Greene. (Fig. 417.) Stem strictly and rigidly erect, with few ascending branches at the top, $\frac{3}{4}$ to 2 feet high; herbage strigulose; leaf-blades linear, $\frac{1}{2}$ to $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches long; spikes 3 or 4 in a terminal umbellate cluster or panicle, dense or soon loose and 2 to 4 inches long; calyx-lobes narrowly linear, thickish at base and closely erect above, armed on lower part with a dense deflexed or spreading tuft of long curved bristles, the upper part set with short scattered curved bristles, or sometimes 1 or 2 inner calyx-lobes (next to the axis) destitute of long bristles, or all the lobes destitute of long bristles; fruiting calyx 1 to $1\frac{1}{2}$ lines long, appressed to rachis; corolla $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1 (or 2) lines broad; nutlet 1, ovate or lanceolate, rostellate-acuminate, rounded at base, smooth and shining, circular in cross-section or a little flattish ventrally, the groove median or sometimes excentric, closed, areolate at base, the areola small or minute, circular or deltoid.

Open hillslopes, rocky ridges or valley floors, 200 to 4500 feet: throughout the mountains of eismontane Cal., but rare in Southern California; absent from the Great Valley floor or present only rarely on the margins near the foothills; absent from the deserts but occurring occasionally in the intramontane foothills on the desert borders. North to Washington. Apr.-June.

Loci.—S. Cal.: Cuyamaca Mts., *T. B. Macbride*, Coast Ranges: Bitterwater Valley, e. San Luis Obispo Co., *Wiggins* 5814; Tulare Hill, *W. L. Jepson*, Santa Clara Valley, son. 19,945; Howell Mt., Napa Range, *Jepson* 2443; Pleasant Valley, nw. Solano Co., *Jepson* 21,137; Blue Lakes, Lake Co., *Jepson* 21,136; Mt. Sanbernia, e. Mendocino Co., *Jepson* 21,119; Three Pines, Tehama Co., *Virginia Bailey*; Look Prairie, Bull Creek, Humboldt Co., *Constance* 620; Three Pines of Mad River, Trinity Co., Tracy 10,195; Yreka, *Butler* 734. Great Valley (margins of, near the foothills): Northern Co., *Jepson* 18,144; Modena, Buckminster; Buckeye Creek, Hershey, Yolo Co., *Jepson* 9357; Mariposa Mts., *Jepson* 21,136; Crane Creek, w. Tehama Co., *Jepson* 21,121; Red Bluff (rubble field 3 mi. ne.), *Jepson* 21,122; Tehachapi Mts.: Caliente, *Smith* 212; betw. Colony Mill and Marble Fork, Tulare Co., *Jepson* 664; Wasco, A. L. Grant 1,299; Yosemite, *Jepson* 10,468; Mormon Bar, Mariposa Co., *Jepson* 12,769; Chinese Camp, Tuolumne Co., *Jepson* 6323; Parrotts Ferry, Stanislaus River, A. L. Grant 74; Pine Grove, Amador Co., *Hastings* 330; Table Mt., Butte Co., *Heller* 11,325; Ager, Siskiyou Co., K. Brundage.

Rofa.—*Cryptantha flaccida* Greene, Pitt. 1:116 (1887); Jepson, Fl. W. Mid. Cat. 445 (1901), ed. 2, 347 (1911). Jepson 860 (1925). *Myosotis flaccida* Dougl.; Lehmann, Pugill. 2:22 (1830), type collected by Douglas, probably in Wyo. or Ore. *Eritrichium oxyacanthoides* Gray, Proc. Am. Acad. 10:58 (1874), "common in Ore. and Cal." *Eritrichium oxyacanthoides* Gray, Ic. 20:269 (1885). *C. flaccida* var. *suavis* Brand; Engelm., Pflan. 4:52:61 (1851), type loc. Soledad, Monterey Co., Condon 72. *C. flaccida* var. *misera* Brand, Ic., type loc. Whitman Co., Wash., Elmer 766.

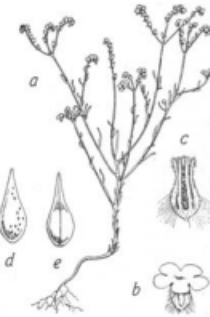


Fig. 417. *CRYPTANTHA FLACCIDA* Greene. a, habit, $\times \frac{1}{4}$; b, fl., $\times 4$; c, fr., $\times 4$; d, nutlet, dorsal view, $\times 8$; e, nutlet, ventral view, $\times 8$.

38. *C. rostellata* Greene. Stem slender, branching above, 4 to 9 inches high; herbage strigose; leaves strictly ascending, the lower ones opposite or relatively approximate, the upper alternate; leaf-blades oblanceolate or linear, 3 to 7 lines long; spikes solitary or gominate, the flowers at length moderately discrete; calyx-lobes narrow-linear, appressed short-hirsute and densely short-bristly, the bristles spreading, subequal, curved at tip, or the bristles on lower part of calyx longer and spreading-tufted or deflexed-tufted; corolla $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ line broad; fruiting calyx 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ to 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ lines long; nutlet 1, ovate-lanceolate, acute, truncate at base, smooth and polished, high-rounded on back, the face flattish or low-rounded, the ventral groove forked at base, with a usually open arcolet.

Dry hills, 200 to 3000 feet: inner North Coast Range, east slope from Colusa Co. to Tehama Co. and the bordering rolling plain; Sierra Nevada foothills from Mariposa Co. to Siskiyou Co. North to Washington. Apr.-May.

Tax. note.—*Cryptantha rostellata* is closely related to *C. flaccida*. The lower part of the calyx in *Cryptantha rostellata* sometimes tufted with deflexed or spreading bristles, frequently the bristles may be much reduced. In *Cryptantha flaccida*, the deflexed bristle tufts on the lower part of calyx are long and very striking. In some collections they are so reduced as to be subobsolete. As so often, recourse for differentiation must be had by looking to the nuts. In *Cryptantha rostellata* the nutlet is quadratish-rostrate, rounded at base, the ventral groove forked at base. In *Cryptantha flaccida* the nutlet is ovate-rostrate, rounded at base, the ventral groove with a narrow arcolet at base but not forked. Collections of *Cryptantha rostellata* are few and represent scattered stations. As a species it may not become well stabilized until more ample material is studied.

Locs.—Inner North Coast Range foothills: sw. Colusa Co.; Placerita, sw. Tehama Co., Jepson 16,314; Crane Creek, w. Tehama Co., Jepson 21,160; Sierra Nevada foothills: Coulterville, Mariposa Co., Hoover 3422; near Chico (probably foothills), Parry; Hornbrook, Siskiyou Co., Hoover 336. When the bristles on lower part of calyx become fewer or subobsolete, then it is var. *sparsiflora* (Jepson) comb. n., corolla 1 line broad; a probable variety, since resting mainly on the inabilitv of bristle features. This form belongs in Mariposa Co.

Refs.—*CRYPTANTHA ROSTELLATA* Greene, Pitt. 1:116 (1897). *Krynitzkia rostellata* Greene, Bull. Cal. Acad. 1:203 (1885), type loc. "Lake and Colusa counties, 1884." Curran (that is, on Lake-Colusa boundary near Leeville, sw. Colusa Co.). Var. *SPARSIFLORA* Jepson, *C. sparsiflora* Jepson, Jour. Ariz. Arb. 20:385 (1939), type loc. Coulterville (3 mi. nw.), Mariposa Co., Hoover 2169.

39. *C. sparsiflora* Greene. Stem slender, loosely and widely branching, 5 to 10 inches high, the ultimate peduncular branches filiform, $2\frac{1}{2}$ to 5 inches long, each ending in a single spike; herbage thinly strigose; leaf-blades linear, 5 to 9 lines long; spikes few-flowered, at length loose (the discrete flowers mostly 3 to 7 lines apart); calyx short-bristly, the hairs mostly uncinate; calyx-lobes lanceolate, the 2 or 3 larger ones membranous-margined below; corolla minute ($\frac{1}{4}$ line broad); fruiting calyx 1 line long; nutlet 1, ovate, acute, smooth and polished, the ventral groove acute, the ventral groove closed; pericarp thin and fragile, somewhat bladdery.

Gravelly or rocky slopes, 1000 to 4000 feet: chaparral belt of the ranges surrounding the San Joaquin Valley, that is, in the inner South Coast Range in Stanislaus Co. (east slope of foothills), and in the Sierra Nevada from Mariposa Co. to Kern Co. May.

Locs.—Inner South Coast Range: Puerto Cañon, w. Stanislaus Co., Hoover 3370. Southern Sierra Nevada: Mormon Bar, Mariposa Co. (Contiz), Coburn Mill, Fresno Co., T. Bear Mt. (n. slope), Tulare Co., Hoover 3478; Havilah, Fresno Co., T. Bradedge, Hoover 3479. Northern Sierra: Bear Mt. (n. slope), Fresno Co., T. Bradedge, Hoover 3478; Bear Mt. (n. slope), Fresno Co., T. Bradedge, Hoover 3479. M. K. Curran collected on a trip from Arkridge to Mountain House (Venado) in southeastern Colusa Co., thence to Epperson road station (southwestern Colusa Co.) on east slope of Bear Mt., thence to Hough Springs (northeastern Lake Co.). She also collected that year in the Tehachapi Mts.

14. EREMOCARYA Greene

Densely branching annual with almost filiform stems, the leaves mostly in a basal rosette. Root imparting a purple stain. Racemes dense, spike-like, each flower subtended by a leafy bract, the bracts regular and equal. Calyx 5-parted to