

ever, in having a very short style and gynobase and normally but one or rarely two nutlets.

26. **C. patula** Greene. Sparsely and loosely branched herb 5-15(-30) cm. high; stems strigose and sparsely short-hispid; leaves linear or lance-linear, 1-5 cm. long, 1-3 mm. broad, acutish, appressed-hispid, minutely pustulate; spikes solitary, with a few leafy bracts towards the base; corolla medium-sized, tube ca. 2 mm. long, limb 1.5-3 mm. broad, lobes short-oblong, ascending, ca. 1 mm. long, throat funnellform, appendages hemispherical; fruiting calyces ovate-oblong, 5-6 mm. long, obscurely biserial, subsessile, asymmetrical, base broadly conical or rounded; mature calyx-lobes lance-linear, connivent above with the herbaceous tips spreading, margins shortly white-villous, midrib thickened and densely tawny-hispid, abaxial lobe evidently the longest; nutlets 4, homomorphous, ca. 1.9 mm. long, oblong-ovate, acute, finely tessellate-granulate, tuberculate or muricate, base somewhat truncate, back convex, groove closed or nearly so and divaricately forked at base, at times open at the fork to form a small triangular areola; gynobase subulate, almost as long as the nutlets; style evidently surpassing nutlets.—*Pittonia* i. 265 (March 1889). *C. Pondii* Greene, l. c. 291 (April 1889).

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LOWER CALIFORNIA: San Bartolomé, 1889, *Pond* (G, ISOTYPE of *C. Pondii*); San Benito Island, 1897, *Brandegee* (G, UC).

Although probably most related to *C. intermedia* this species is readily separated by its solitary spikes and extreme southern range. *Cryptantha Pondii* is clearly a synonym. Although Greene described it as having "smooth and shiny" nutlets and ternate or quadrate spikes the isotype sent Gray has granulate and tuberculate nutlets and solitary spikes as described above.

27. **C. foliosa** Greene. A stiffly erect divaricately branched herb 6-20 cm. high; stems solitary, straight, usually forming a conspicuous central axis, short-hispid below but becoming somewhat strigose above, branches well developed, widely spreading; leaves lanceolate to broadly linear, obtuse or rarely acutish, 2-6 cm. long, 2-5(-7) mm. broad, appressed-hispid, abundantly and minutely pustulate; spikes dense, 1-4 cm. long, geminate or ternate, naked; corolla evident, limb 2-3 mm. broad; fruiting calyces ovate-oblong, stiff, 5-7 mm. long, strongly biserial, subsessile, subsistent, base roughly conical; mature calyx-lobes lance-linear, towards the tips herbaceous and somewhat spreading, towards base indurated, thickened midrib armed with short