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36. *O. ECHINOCARPA*, E. & B. l. c. : erectiuscula; ramis numerosis patentissimis; articulis ovatis basi clavatis; tuberculis ovatis confertis; aculeis majoribus sub-4 albidis stramineo-vaginatibus, 8-16 minoribus undique radiantibus; flore flavo (?); bacca globosa depressa seu hemisphærica late profundeque umbilicata pulvillis sub-40 aculeatissimis stipata; seminibus late commissuratis.

Var. β . MAJOR: elatior; articulis elongatis; aculeis longioribus laxius vaginatis paucioribus; baccis globosis pulvillos pauciores (25) gerentibus.

In the valley of the Lower Colorado; β . in Sonora. — Var. α . is a
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low shrub, 6-18 inches high; joints 1-2½ inches long; tubercles 4-5 lines long; spines not over an inch in length. Flower apparently yellow, about 1½ inches in diameter and somewhat persistent on the fruit. Fruit very shallow, saucer-shaped, with few large seeds. Var. β . is 4 or 5 feet high; joints 8-10 inches long; interior spines 1-1¾ inches long. Fruit globose or even ovate, with 25 pulvilli. Seeds the same in both.