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9. *O. MACROCENTEA*, E. in B. C. R.: adscendens; articulis magnis suborbiculatis tenuibus; pulvillis subremotis setas graciles breves fulvas gerentibus, summis solum aculeos 1–2 praelongos subcompressos fusco-atros proferentibus; floris flavi ovario ovato; stigmatibus 8; seminibus majusculis.

Sand-hills on the Rio Grande near El Paso: fl. May. — Two or three feet high, with very striking round joints, 5–8 inches in diameter, and blackish spines as much as 2 or 3 inches long. Nearly allied to the next species.