20. O. R U F I D A , E. in B. C. R. : erecto-patula; articulis late-oboventis
seu suborbiculatis pubescentibus; foliis longe acuminatis; pulvillis
confertis setas rufidas graciles numerosissimas gerentibus inermibus;
flores flavii ovario obovato pulvillis numerosis instructo; stigmatibus 7
in capitulum congestis.

Common about Presidio del Norte, on the Rio Grande: fl. May. —
Stem 2 – 4 feet high, much branched; joints 3 – 6 inches long; leaves
2½ lines long. Flower 2½ inches in diameter, with 40 – 50 pulvilli on
the ovarium. — Apparently near O. microdasys and O. puberula; dis-
tinguished from the former by the rounded joints, larger leaves, and
red-brown bristles; from the latter by the entire absence of spines,
and of the purplish spot which in that species surrounds the pulvillus.
Further investigations are necessary to decide about these closely
allied forms, as about most species of this intricate genus.