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20. *O. RUFIDA*, E. in B. C. R. : erecto-patula ; articulis late-obovatis seu suborbiculatis pubescentibus ; foliis longe acuminatis ; pulvillis confertis setas rufidas graciles numerosissimas gerentibus inermibus ; floris flavi 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 $2\frac{1}{2}$ lines long. Flower $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches in diameter, with 40 – 50 pulvilli on the ovarium. — Apparently near *O. microdasys* and *O. puberula* ; distinguished 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.