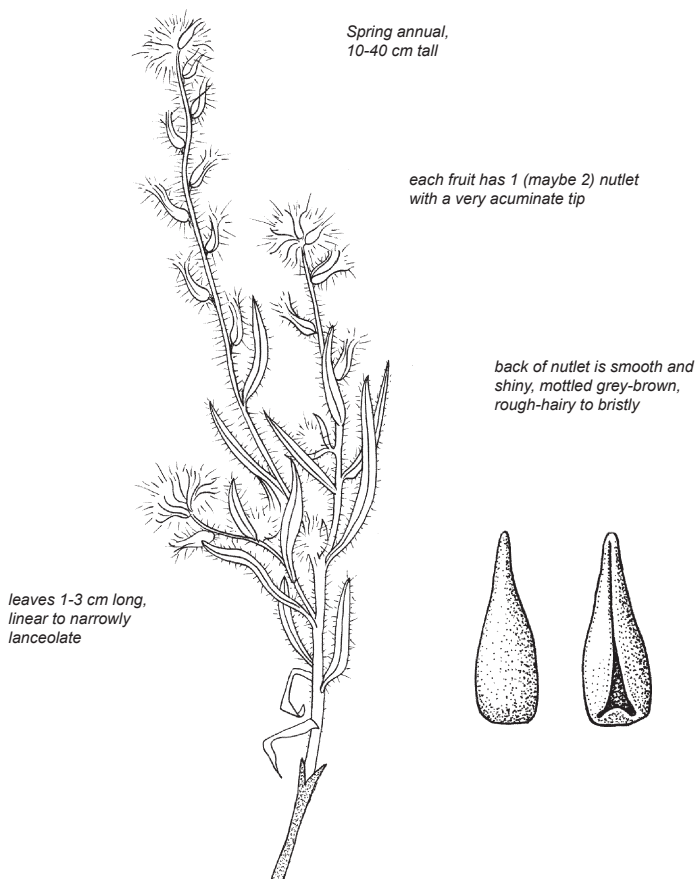


GANDER'S CRYPTANTHA

*Boraginaceae (Forget-Me-Not Family)*

Phenology: flowering and fruiting February-March.

Management Responsibility: USFWS (Cabeza Prieta NWR).

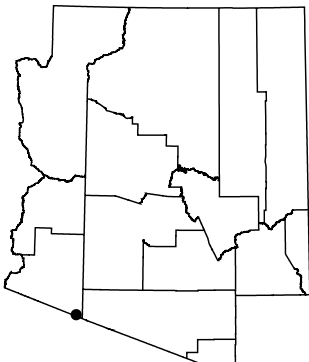
Similar Species: there are many species of *Cryptantha*, each differing in minute floral/fruit characters. One sympatric species, *C. angustifolia*, has 2-3(4) nutlets per fruit. The back of the nutlet of *C. barbiger* fruits is not smooth, but covered with white tubercles (bumps).

Notes: associated species include *C. angustifolia*, *Croton californicus*, *Pleuraphis rigida*, *Stillingia linearifolia*, *Tiquilia palmeri*, and *Triteleopsis palmeri*.

References: Felger et al, 1997. Kelley and Wilken, 1993.

Cryptantha ganderi

Habitat: known in Arizona from a limited area of the Pinta Sands below 1,000 ft (305 m) elevation.



Range: sand dunes around the head of the Gulf of California, including the Gran Desierto de Altar (Sonora, Mexico), Pinta Sands (Arizona), and the Borrego Valley (California).