

Cactaceae (Cactus Family)

Phenology: flowering April-May, fruiting May-June; germination mid-summer.

Management Responsibility: USFS (Tonto NF), Superstition Wilderness Area, private.

Synonyms: *Echinocereus arizonicus* Orcutt var. *arizonicus*, *Echinocereus coccineus* Engelm. var. *arizonicus* (Rose ex Orcutt) Ferguson

Similar Species: in SE Arizona and SW New Mexico, other varieties of *E. triglochidiatus*. Brilliant red flowers track it to section *triglochidiatus*. *E. t. arizonicus* is distinguished from other hedgehog cacti in Highland area below 2000 meters by flowers on upper third of stem ribs.

Notes: major threats include habitat loss due to mining.

References: AGFD, 1997. Bellsey et al, 1996. Parfitt and Christy, 1991. SWCA, 1995.



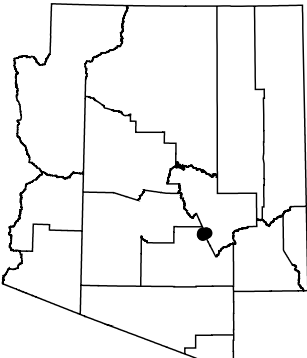
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*Echinocereus
triglochidiatus
var. arizonicus*

Habitat: on open slopes of rugged steep-walled canyons, granite boulder-pile ridges and slopes in Arizona desert grassland, elevation from 3,400 to 5,300 ft (1030-1615 m).



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Range: Superstition Mountains, Top of the World, Tonto NF.