Lycium andersonii Southern Boxthorn, Desert Tomato

SHRUB
TO 10' high.
Thorny. Branches stiff to spreading.
Linear leaves to about 3" long.
Whitish to purple-tinged flowers: narrow funnel-shape to ¹/₂" long (typical of nightshade family) - March to May.

Native habitat: gravelly or rocky slopes, washes below 6000' - coastal to inland mountains, east into desert.

Full sun. Tolerates poor soil. Little or no care once established.

Fruit attractive to humans and wildlife. Good barrier plant. Useful to stabilize slopes.

