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Cover: Maize plant and a Cienega style projectile point superimposed on a scene of cottonwood and willow growing along Cienega Creek, Arizona (see Figs. 2.4, 4.1). Some 2500 years ago, marshes and maize fields were scattered along this channel.
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