Sand dunes in the Namib Desert located just to the south of the normally dry Kuiseb River and west of the Gobabeb Research Centre, about 40 km inland from the Atlantic coast, on September 27, 2003. This location marks the northern extent of the Namib dune fields, which give way to gravel planes north of the Kuiseb. The photograph was taken looking towards the south. (Photograph by Steven Platnick, NASA GSFC.)