

Parkinsonia florida Formerly *Cercidium floridum*
Blue Palo Verde

SMALL TREE - drought and cold deciduous.

10 - 30' high, equally wide.

Open, lacy canopy.

Blue-green leaves, branches and trunk.

Spectacular, fragrant yellow flowers along branches - March to June.

Long bean-like seed pods shed in fall.

Native habitat: scrub - washes and low sandy places in low desert.

Full sun. Frost resistant.

Needs good drainage.

Occasional deep summer water promotes lusher appearance and faster growth rate, but none is necessary, once established.

Susceptible to mildew on coast.



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