

Cercidium floridum (now *Parkinsonia microphilla*)
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
around 3500' - Sonoran Desert to Arizona, New Mexico.

Full sun.
Frost resistant.
Well-drained soil.
Occasional deep summer water promotes lusher appearance and
faster growth rate, but not necessary once established.
Susceptible to mildew on coast.



RARE - CNPS List 4.3
(Limited distribution (Watch List).
Not very endangered in California).