



Parkinsonia microphylla (syn. Cercidium) Foothills Palo Verde, Little Leaf Palo Verde

Foothills palo verde is slightly smaller than the blue palo verde. It leafs out following seasonal rains, but tends to be leafless for most of the year. It blooms after the blue palo verde, with masses of light yellow blossoms. This slow growing, thorny tree is remarkably drought-tolerant, supplemental watering during the dry season will speed up the growth rate. Foothills palo verde has a naturally shrubby, multi-trunked form. This tree is native across the Sonoran Desert in the southwestern U.S. and spreads into Mexico and Baja California. Hardy to 15° F. USDA Zone 8.

AT A GLANCE SUMMARY	
SIZE (H X W)	10-20 feet x 10-20 feet
FLOWER COLOR	Yellow
FLOWER SEASON	Spring
EXPOSURE	Full sun
WATER	Low
GROWTH RATE	Slow
HARDINESS	15° F, USDA Zone 8
PRUNING	To thin and shape



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