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*Parkinsonia microphylla*

[Synonyms : *Cercidiopsis microphylla*, *Cercidium microphyllum*]

**YELLOW PALOVERDE** is a deciduous shrub or tree. Native to south-western United States and north-western Mexico, it has yellowish-green bark and small pale yellow flowers.

It is also known as Foothills palo verde, and Littleleaf palo verde.

The flowers are pollinated by humming birds.

Yellow palo verde is a protected species in Arizona (United States) .

*Microphylla* is derived from Greek *micro-* (small) and *phyllo-* (leaf) components.

The fresh, ground, dried or roasted seeds were eaten by several North American Indian tribes, including the Cocopa. Some of the Tohono O’Odham viewed them as a staple part of their diet (raw or ground as flour) and others, such as the Mohave or Yuma Indians, thought of them as famine food.