



ARIZONA-SONORA DESERT MUSEUM

PLANT CARE INFORMATION

Palo Piojo *Caesalpinia pumila*

DESCRIPTION: A slowly growing woody shrub to 8 or 10' tall in time, Palo Piojo has an open, airy form. Its leaves have a coppery-blue color and are winter deciduous. Flowers occur in the hot weather. They are small and butter-yellow in color. It is native to the valleys and coastal areas in western Sonora, Mexico.

RECOMMENDED USE: Use in a patio or garden setting for its form and foliage color. It can also fit into an enhanced desert landscape or xeriscape.

CULTURE:



Hardiness: We have tested it to 18°F with minimal stem damage.



Sun tolerance: Grows more upright in sun; more open in shade.



Watering and feeding: Low water use once established. Feeding not necessary.



Soil requirements: Any soil will do.



Pruning: As needed.