PLANT FACT SHEET

Cercidium floridum Benth. ex A. Gray

GENUS *Cercidium* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

COMMON NAMES Blue palo verde

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds, Pods, Leaves, Fruit, Flowers

The immature seeds and pods are eaten as a vegetable.
The dried seeds are ground and made into breads, cakes and drinks.
The leaves are eaten as a green.

DESCRIPTION

A small tree. It grows to 8-9 m high. It has a short thick trunk. The branches and bark are smooth bluish green. They are spiny. The flowers are golden yellow blossoms.

HABITAT

It is a subtropical plant. They suit hot, dry areas. It grows up to 1,800 m above sea level. It can grow in arid places.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seed.

NOTES

Also as Caesalpinaceae.

PICTURES



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