

# Palo Verde Tree Care Guide (Parkinsonia spp.) - 29 Figs Nursery

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Graceful Desert Beauty with Green Bark and Bright Blooms

## Quick Facts

- Sunlight: Full sun (8+ hrs/day)
- Hardiness Zones: 8-11
- Drought Tolerant: Excellent
- Growth Rate: Fast-growing
- Size: 10-15 ft in pots, 20-30 ft in ground

## In-Ground Planting

- Soil: Well-draining sandy or gravelly soils. Avoid wet or clay-heavy areas.
- Watering: Deep water weekly during first year. Once established, water monthly or during extreme drought.
- Spacing: 15-20 feet from structures due to canopy spread.
- Fertilizing: Minimal. Compost in spring is sufficient.
- Pruning: Shape during winter or early spring. Remove low limbs and suckers.

## Container Growing

- Pot Size: 20+ gallon container. Choose smaller varieties for pots.
- Soil Mix: Cactus mix or sandy loam with added gravel.
- Watering: Deep water every 10-14 days. Allow soil to dry out fully between.
- Winter: Cold-hardy in desert climates. Shelter young trees during hard frost.
- Fertilizing: Rarely needed. Light cactus fertilizer in spring if desired.
- Repotting: Every 3 years or when roots outgrow container.

## Pro Tips

- Iconic green bark helps photosynthesize even in drought.
- Spring flowers attract bees and hummingbirds.
- Thrives with neglect-perfect for xeriscaping.
- Avoid overwatering; promotes weak growth and disease.

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