

## Retama

*Parkinsonia aculeata*

Retama is an attractive south and west Texas native with graceful, airy foliage and fragrant yellow flowers . It grows north to Georgetown, west to Arizona, down to South America.

Retama is often found naturally in poorly drained sites. This is probably because it can withstand a variety of soils. It also is extremely drought tolerant, making it a wonderful candidate for water-wise landscapes and parking lot plantings. Retama also has a high salt tolerance so it a good choice for coastal conditions.

The bark is smooth with a light greenish-brown color. As the tree ages, the bark color turns reddish brown. It's a fast grower which means that it's not a long lived tree.

Common Names: Lluvia de Oro (Shower of Gold), Jerusalem Thorn, Palo Verde

AT A GLANCE	
Height	25'
Width	20'-30'
Flower Color	Yellow
Flower Season	Spring +
Water	Low - Mod
Growth Rate	Fast
USDA Zone(s)	8-11
Notes	Long Blooming



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