



APRIL ECO-BLITZ CHALLENGE

FOOTHILLS
PALO VERDE



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PALO VERDE TREES

Palo Verde Trees

- A perennial tree grows up to 25-30 ft. tall and is a keystone species - meaning many wildlife species rely on them for shelter, food, and shade. Primary nurse tree for Saguaro and other cacti.
- Photosynthesis occurs through the bark. This is a drought adaptation as the leaves drop during long dry periods.
- Arizona State Tree.

Blue Palo Verde (*Parkinsonia florida*)

- Leaves are in clusters
- Seed pods are not constricted
- The flower banner petal is yellow (can have small red/orange spots)
- Bark is smoother

Foothills Palo Verde (*Parkinsonia microphylla*)

- Tiny leaves
- Seed pods are constricted between the seeds
- The flower has a white banner



BLUE PALO
VERDE



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