**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.