

# Design Standards for Urban Infrastructure

## Plant Species for Urban Landscape Projects in Canberra

**Botanical Name:** *Cupressus sempervirens* 'Stricta' (CUs)

**Common Name:** Italian cypress, pencil pine

### Species description

- Evergreen
- Upright tree with narrow columnar form
- Grey lightly fissured bark
- Dense green to blue-green foliage
- Small [ovoid](#) cones

### Height and width

10 to 15 metres tall by 3 to 5 metres wide

### Species origin

Mediterranean areas to Iran

### Landscape use

- Available Soil Volume required 68m<sup>3</sup>
- Suitable for avenue planting or group plantings in urban parks, as well as in shopping precincts
- Suitable for street tree plantings on narrow verges, providing minor shade for footpaths
- Suitable for use in home gardens
- Requires a minimum clearance of 3 metres from buildings

### Use considerations

- Suited to a wide range of sites and has performed very well in Canberra
- High frost tolerance to minus 10 degrees Celsius and high drought tolerance
- Will grow in all Canberra soils
- [Long lived](#)
- Moderate growth rate
- Low to medium flammability
- May have minor canker problems
- Provides wildlife habitat for bird nesting

### Examples in Canberra

Drake Street, Lister Crescent and Lewis Street, Ainslie, Wentworth Avenue, Kingston and on City Hill and in Haig Park (both on the ACT Tree Register)

### Availability

Commercially available



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