

Design Standards for Urban Infrastructure

Plant Species for Urban Landscape Projects in Canberra

Botanical Name: *Angophora floribunda* (APf)

Common Name: rough-barked apple

Species description

- Evergreen
- Rounded to elliptical form
- Rough, fibrous brown bark
- Dull to glossy green [lanceolate](#) to [ovate](#) leaves
- Clusters of white flowers in December and January
- Barrel to cup shaped fruit

Height and width

10 to 15 metres tall by 10 metres wide

Species origin

Victoria, New South Wales and Queensland, growing extensively around Mudgee, New South Wales

Landscape use

- Available Soil Volume required 30m³
- Particularly useful for urban parks as an excellent shade tree
- Requires a minimum clearance of 6 metres from buildings

Use considerations

- Suitable for the Canberra climate
- Frost sensitive when young, with moderate drought tolerance
- Grows most commonly on light alluvial soils along flats and water courses
- [Long lived](#)
- Fast to moderate growth rate
- Low flammability
- Will tolerate lopping or pruning, but best to let it grow to its natural shape
- Provides habitat for fauna and pollen for bees
- Needs more trialling around Canberra for its potential to grow on drier sites

Examples in Canberra

Corner of Liversidge Street and Balmain Avenue at ANU (planted in the 1920s)

Availability

Commercially available, should consider sourcing from central tablelands provenances for best frost tolerance



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