Design Standards for Urban Infrastructure
Plant Species for Urban Landscape Projects in Canberra

Botanical Name: *Davidia involucrata* (DAï)
Common Name: dove tree

Species description
- Deciduous
- Broad conical crown, rounding with age
- Bark becomes scaly and orange brown
- *Alternate, ovate* to heart-shaped leaves, bright green above and paler below with a serrate margin
- Small dense flowers enclosed by distinctive large white *bracts* in early spring
- Fruit is a very hard nut

Height and width
12 metres tall by 8 to 10 metres wide

Species origin
South-western China

Landscape use
- Available Soil Volume required 30m³
- Suitable for use as a shade tree in urban parks
- Could be trialled for use as a street tree on a small scale and in commercial shopping centres
- Requires a minimum clearance of 7 metres from buildings

Use considerations
- Suited to more sheltered conditions
- High frost tolerance and moderate drought tolerance
- Prefers well drained soil
- *Long lived*
- Slow to moderate growth rate
- Low flammability

Examples in Canberra
National Arboretum Canberra

Availability
Limited availability, would most likely require forward ordering