

Design Standards for Urban Infrastructure

Plant Species for Urban Landscape Projects in Canberra

Botanical Name: *Eucalyptus gracilis* (Egr)

Common Name: white mallee, red mallee

Species description

- Evergreen
- Can be either a [mallee](#) form or a small tree
- Has a 'stocking' of fibrous bark
- Pendulous foliage
- White flowers from April to September
- Small urn shaped woody fruit

Height and width

6 to 12 metres tall by 4 to 8 metres wide
(dependant on form)

Species origin

Occurs over a wide area of southern Australia,
from New South Wales to Western Australia

Landscape use

- Available Soil Volume required 19m³
- Suitable for limited use as a feature plant in parks
- Would not be useful where reliability is required such as street tree plantings
- Useful in [wildlife corridors](#) as browsing and shelter habitat
- Requires a minimum clearance of approximately 5 metres from buildings; the mallee form may be more spreading and interfere with paths

Use considerations

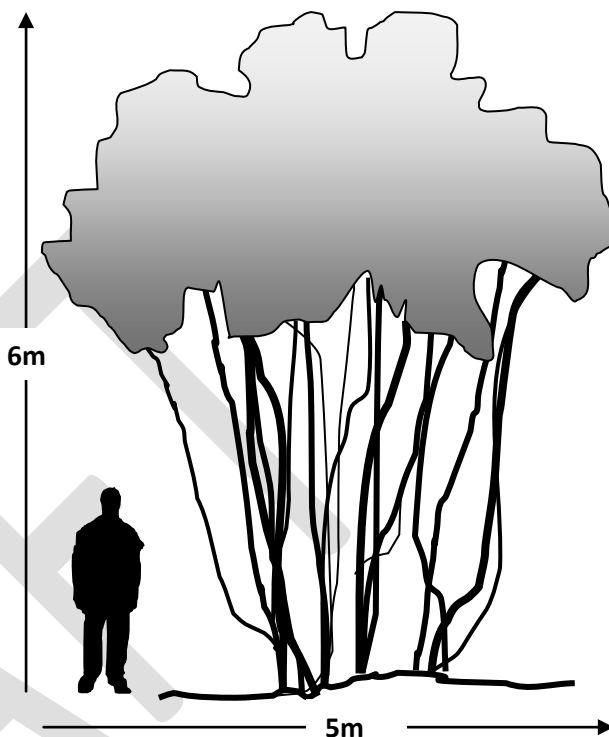
- Suitable for drier situations in the ACT
- High frost and drought tolerance
- Prefers well drained loams to clays, not suitable for damp or wet sites
- [Long lived](#)
- Moderate growth rate
- Moderate flammability
- Probably subject to more common Eucalyptus pests, especially scale and psyllids
- Formative pruning is less important for this species
- Establishment may be more difficult than other regional species, especially for the [mallee](#) form

Examples in Canberra

Not known in Canberra in public plantings

Availability

Seed is readily available but plants may need to be ordered



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