

# Design Standards for Urban Infrastructure

## Plant Species for Urban Landscape Projects in Canberra

**Botanical Name:** *Allocasuarina littoralis* (ALI)

**Common Name:** black she-oak

### Species description

- Evergreen
- Small ornamental tree with upright form
- Dark black bark
- Dusky green foliage, tipped red in spring
- Showy dark red flowers in spring
- Cones to 3 centimetres long

### Height and width

8 to 12 metres tall by 4 metres wide

### Species origin

Grows naturally the ACT area, especially in hilly areas such as Tidbinbilla

### Landscape use

- Available Soil Volume required 43m<sup>3</sup>
- Can be used as a decorative feature at urban local shopping centres, as a windbreak around seating areas and in revegetation areas
- Suitable for use in parks and home gardens
- Not suitable for use as a street tree
- Requires a minimum clearance of 3 metres from buildings

### Use considerations

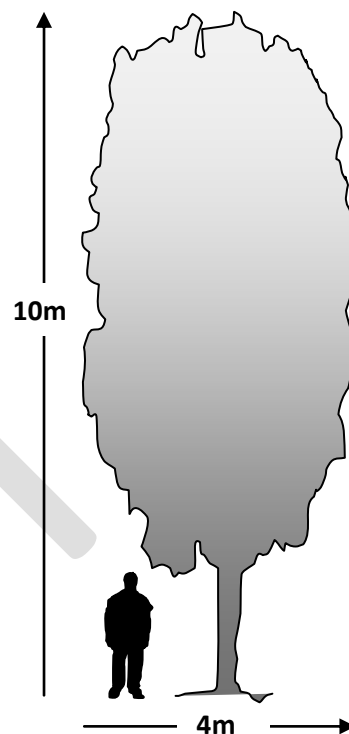
- Suited to the Canberra climate and grows well locally
- High frost and drought tolerance
- Will grow in most soils, but requires good drainage
- [Short lived](#)
- Fast to moderate growth rate
- Moderate flammability
- Popular seed source for black cockatoos

### Examples in Canberra

Australian National Botanic Gardens, Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve

### Availability

Commercially available, although may require forward ordering



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