

Design Standards for Urban Infrastructure

Plant Species for Urban Landscape Projects in Canberra

Botanical Name: *Firmiana simplex* (FIs)

Common Name: parasol tree

New Design Standards Species

Species description

- Deciduous
- Round headed tree
- Thick warty grey-green bark
- Distinctive large, [palmately lobed](#) leaves on long [petioles](#), turning yellow in autumn
- Large clusters of yellow-green flowers in summer
- Pods that split into four petal-like sections

Height and width

10 metres tall by 10 metres wide

Species origin

South China to Vietnam and south Japan

Landscape use

- Available Soil Volume required 30m³
- Useful as a street tree on small scale, and a specimen tree in urban parks
- Suitable for use in commercial precincts and home gardens
- Requires a minimum clearance of 6 metres from buildings

Use considerations

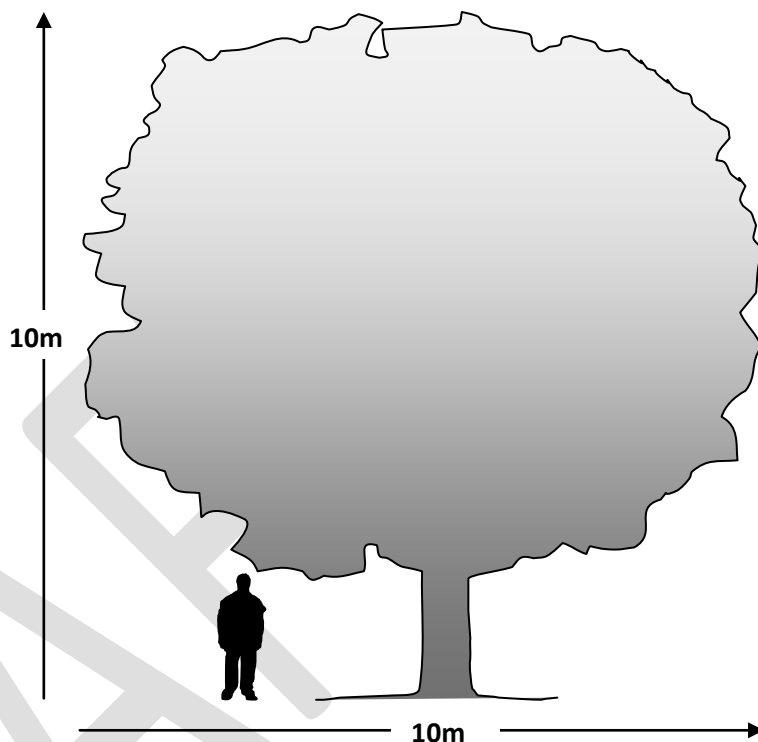
- Prefers a temperate climate
- Performs satisfactorily in Canberra
- High frost tolerance and high drought tolerant once established
- Suits a wide range of soil types, but probably most suited to well drained clay loams in Canberra
- [Medium longevity](#)
- Slow to moderate growth rate
- Very low flammability
- Requires pruning initially to establish good branch structure

Examples in Canberra

Allen Street, Narrabundah

Availability

Not readily available, will require forward ordering



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