

Design Standards for Urban Infrastructure

Plant Species for Urban Landscape Projects in Canberra

Botanical Name: *Acacia caerulescens* (Aca)

Common Name: Buchan blue, limestone blue wattle

New Design Standards Species

Species description

- Evergreen
- Medium sized pyramidal to elliptical tree
- Smooth bark
- Blue-grey [phyllodes](#)
- Yellow balled shaped flowers in early spring
- Fruit is a more or less straight, oblong pod

Height and width

10 to 15 metres tall by 7 metres wide

Species origin

A rare species indigenous to a small area at the Buchan/Lakes Entrance area of Victoria

Landscape use

- Available Soil Volume required 15m³
- Could be used in urban parks or shopping centre precincts after sufficient trial
- Useful for group plantings to provide colour contrast
- Suitable for use in home gardens
- Requires a minimum clearance of 5 metres from buildings

Use considerations

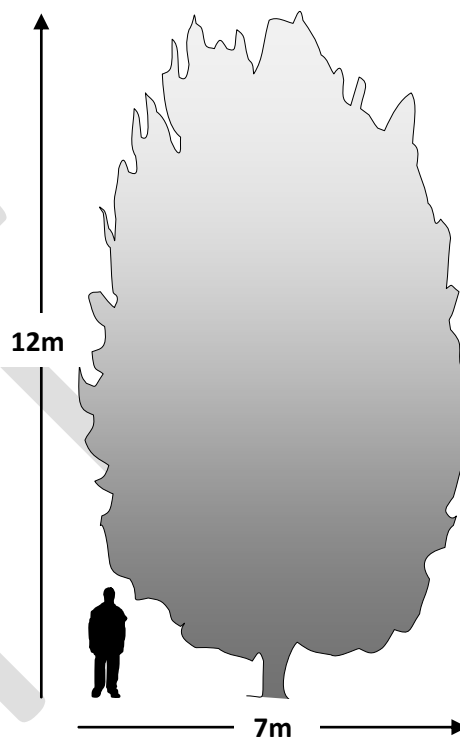
- High frost tolerance and moderate drought tolerance
- Low flammability
- Susceptible to insect damage in trunk and limbs
- Low potential for root damage

Examples in Canberra

National Arboretum Canberra

Availability

Not readily available, may need to arrange seed collection and propagation



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