

# Design Standards for Urban Infrastructure

## Plant Species for Urban Landscape Projects in Canberra

**Botanical Name:** *Prunus padus* (Ppa)

**Common Name:** bird cherry, hackberry

New Design Standards Species

### Species description

- Deciduous
- Tall tree with upright growing branches
- Smooth brown bark
- Elliptical dark green leaves, becoming red/yellow in autumn
- Drooping [racemes](#) of almond scented white flowers
- Small bitter black fruit

### Height and width

10 to 12 metres tall by 6 metres wide

### Species origin

Southern Europe

### Landscape use

- Available Soil Volume required 11m<sup>3</sup>
- Ideal for use as a street tree or avenue tree due to its upward branching
- Can be used in urban parks and commercial shopping precincts
- Suitable for use in home gardens
- Requires a minimum clearance of 4 metres from buildings

### Use considerations

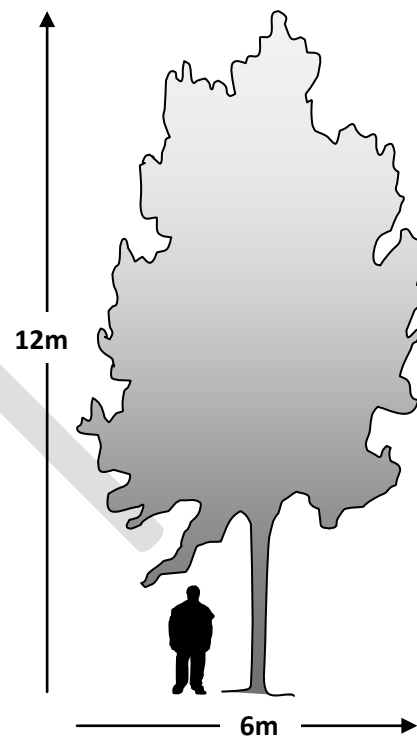
- Suitable for Canberra's climate
- High frost tolerance and moderate drought tolerance
- Suitable for all soils in the ACT
- [Medium longevity](#)
- Moderate growth rate
- Very low to nil flammability
- Prefers full sun

### Examples in Canberra

Rawson Street, Deakin

### Availability

Commercially available



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