

# Design Standards for Urban Infrastructure

## Plant Species for Urban Landscape Projects in Canberra

**Botanical Name:** *Pyrus calleryana* 'Aristocrat' (PYca)

**Common Name:** Aristocrat callery pear

New Design Standards Species

### Species description

- Deciduous
- Medium sized tree with firmly attached horizontal branching and pyramidal to oval form
- Greyish-brown bark
- Green leaves in summer with an [undulate](#) margin, and spectacular red and orange autumn leaf colour
- White flowers in spring
- Small pea-sized red-brown fruits

### Height and width

11 metres tall by 7 metres wide

### Species origin

China/Japan

### Landscape use

- Available Soil Volume required 15m<sup>3</sup>
- Suitable for use as a street tree and in parks, urban shopping centres and schools
- Suitable for growth in restricted soil spaces
- Suitable for use in home gardens
- Requires a minimum clearance of 5 metres from buildings

### Use considerations

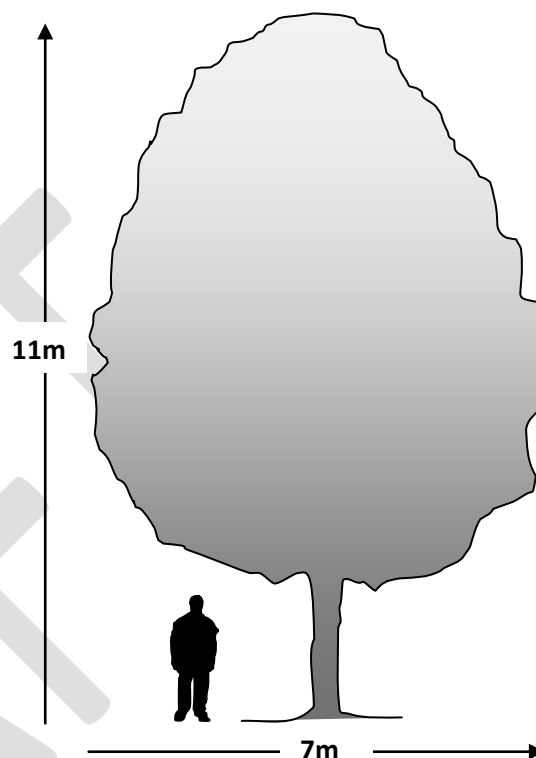
- Suitable for Canberra's climate
- High frost and drought tolerance
- Suits most soils found in the ACT including acidic and alkaline soils, and tolerates water logged soils
- [Medium longevity](#)
- Fast growth rate
- Low flammability
- Prefers full sun
- Preferable cultivar due to its wider branching angles that are less likely to split in strong winds

### Examples in Canberra

Loveday Crescent and Neil Currie Street, Casey and Sphinx Street, Harrison

### Availability

Commercially available



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