

Design Standards for Urban Infrastructure

Plant Species for Urban Landscape Projects in Canberra

Botanical Name: *Brachychiton populneus* (BRp)

Common Name: Kurrajong tree

Species description

- Evergreen
- Medium sized tree with spreading crown
- Hard grey bark with shallow fissures
- Glossy green foliage, with juvenile foliage often being tri-lobed
- Bell-shaped flowers
- Large hard shelled seed pods

Height and width

10 to 12 metres tall by 8 to 10 metres wide

Species origin

Indigenous to most areas of the eastern states of Australia, including the ACT

Landscape use

- Available Soil Volume required 30m³
- Can be used as a street tree, but has shown variable performance
- Can be used in parks, commercial precincts and revegetation areas
- Suitable for use in home gardens
- Requires a minimum clearance of 6 metres from buildings

Use considerations

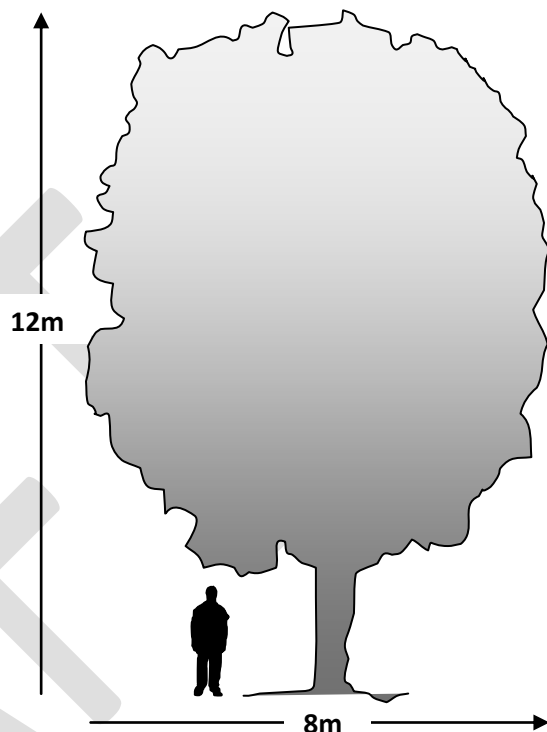
- Suited to Canberra's climate
- Grows well in most soils, including gravel, shale and sand, however performs better on higher ground on light soils
- High frost tolerance once established, and high drought tolerance
- [Long lived](#)
- Moderate growth rate
- Low flammability
- Excellent farm fodder, especially in drought prone areas

Examples in Canberra

Limestone Avenue; Furneaux Street, Griffith; Wickham Crescent, Red Hill; the Royal Canberra Golf Course and the Cotter Reserve

Availability

Commercially available or can be grown from local seed



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