



**ACT**

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# Design Standards for Urban Infrastructure

## Plant Species for Urban Landscape Projects in Canberra

**Botanical Name:** *Eucalyptus aggregata* (Eag)

**Common Name:** Black gum

### Species Description

- Deciduous or evergreen
- Evergreen
- Wide spread woodland eucalypt
- Dark, rough fibrous bark on the trunk, becoming smooth in the higher branches
- Leaves are [lanceolate](#) and slightly glossy
- White flowers in summer
- Small fruit are woody, conical and held in clusters of seven

### Height and width

15 metres tall by 15 metres wide

### Species origin

Occurs naturally on the Southern and Central Tablelands of New South Wales, including eastern areas of the ACT

### Landscape use

- Available Soil Volume required:  $\geq 70\text{m}^3$
- Suitable for use in parklands, but not as screening or in shelter belts
- Could be used in the [inner asset protection zone](#) if the crowns are not touching

### Use considerations

- High frost and drought tolerance
- Often found in frost pockets and along streams
- Suitable for deeper soil with good drainage, but will tolerate both occasional high moisture levels and dry rocky sites
- [Medium to long lived](#)
- Moderate to fast growth rate
- Moderate flammability
- Likely to be susceptible to most local eucalypt pests including borers
- Produces pollen and seeds, and nectar which attracts bees and birds
- Provides browsing and protective habitat for wildlife

### Examples in Canberra

Acacia Inlet, Lake Burley Griffin

### Availability

Requires ordering from seed suppliers

