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# Design Standards for Urban Infrastructure

## Plant Species for Urban Landscape Projects in Canberra

**Botanical Name:** *Pinus brutia* (Plb)

**New species**

**Common Name:** Cyprus pine, Turkish pine

### Species Description

- Evergreen
- Tall tree with a straight trunk and wide spreading rounded crown
- Orange-red bark that is thick and fissured at the base and thin and flaky in the upper crown
- Bright green to yellowish-green needles
- Heavy cones 6 to 11 centimetres long

### Height and width

20 plus metres tall by 15 metres wide

### Species origin

Originates from Cyprus, Crete, Greece, Italy and the eastern Mediterranean region towards Kurdistan and Turkey

### Landscape use

- Available Soil Volume required:  $\geq 70\text{m}^3$
- Suitable for limited use in urban areas as a park specimen
- Useful in road verges as a windbreak
- Should not be planted near nature reserves, creeks or watercourses

### Use considerations

- High frost and drought tolerance
- Has had good establishment in dryland plantings
- Adapted to [calcareous](#) soils with a moderate level of alkalinity, although occurs on non-calcareous soils in Cyprus
- [Long lived](#)
- Fast growing
- Potentially high flammability
- Produces pollen and seeds; attracts birds
- Can be pruned to raise the canopy if desired in a landscape setting
- Cone drop may be a nuisance in pedestrian areas

### Examples in Canberra

National Arboretum Canberra and Westbourne Woods

### Availability

New South Wales, South Australian and Western Australian forestry services

