



Design Standards for Urban Infrastructure

Plant Species for Urban Landscape Projects in Canberra

Botanical Name: *Crataegus laevigata* (syn. *oxyacantha*) 'Paul's Scarlet' (CRps)

Common Name: Midland hawthorn

New species

Species Description

- Deciduous
- Rounded topped tree
- Smooth greyish-brown bark
- Glossy, dark green, oval to elliptical leaves with rounded lobes and a serrated margin
- Double scarlet flowers produced in tight [corymbs](#) in spring
- Red berries

Height and width

6 metres tall by 5 metres wide

Species origin

North Africa and Europe; the cultivar was selected in England in 1858

Landscape use

- Available Soil Volume required: $\geq 15\text{m}^3$
- Suitable for use in urban parks, suburban shopping centres and home gardens
- Should not be planted near creeks, watercourses or natural areas to avoid any naturalising

Use considerations

- Grows well in the ACT climate
- Frost and drought tolerant
- Grows in almost all Canberra soils
- [Medium longevity](#)
- Slow to moderate growth rate
- Low flammability
- Possibly affected by the cherry tree slug
- Attracts bees and birds
- Berries may be a minor nuisance around pedestrian/paved areas when dropped

Examples in Canberra

Sargood St, O'Connor

Availability

Commercially available

