



# Design Standards for Urban Infrastructure

## Plant Species for Urban Landscape Projects in Canberra

**Botanical Name:** *Prunus amygdalus* synth. *Prunus dulcis* (Pam)

**Common Name:** Flowering almond

### Species Description

- Deciduous
- Small compact upright tree
- Pale brown fissured bark
- Leaves have a serrate margin and turn yellow in autumn
- Outstanding white or pale pink spring blossoms
- [Drupe](#) with an outer hull, hard outer shell and seed or “nut” inside

### Height and width

5 to 7 metres tall by 5 metres wide

### Species origin

Middle East

### Landscape use

- Available Soil Volume required:  $\geq 15\text{m}^3$
- Ideal for cul-de-sacs and places where the low branches will not be damaged by trucks
- Suitable for home gardens, shopping centre precincts and urban parks for its outstanding floral display
- Should not be planted near nature reserves, creeks or watercourses

### Use considerations

- Well suited for Canberra’s climate
- High frost tolerance (to minus 10 degrees Celsius) and high drought tolerance
- Prefers well drained soils but will grow in most soils in the region
- [Medium longevity](#)
- Moderate to fast growth rate
- Very low flammability
- Prefers full sun
- Can be affected by [shot hole](#), but not a major problem
- Produces good nectar which attracts bees and fruit attracts birds
- Fruit drop may be a minor nuisance in pedestrian and paved areas

### Examples in Canberra

Canberra Croquet Club near the Hyatt Hotel

### Availability

Commercially available

