



Design Standards for Urban Infrastructure

Plant Species for Urban Landscape Projects in Canberra

Botanical Name: *Prunus mume* (Pmu)

Common Name: Flowering apricot, Japanese apricot

Species Description

- Deciduous
- Rounded to spreading form
- Smooth grey-brown bark
- Light green oval shaped leaves
- Single almond-scented flowers in mid to late winter, ranging in colour from white to pink and red
- Golden yellow fruit

Height and width

4 to 5 metres tall by 4 metres wide

Species origin

China/Korea; introduced into Western gardens in 1844

Landscape use

- Available Soil Volume required: $\geq 15\text{m}^3$
- Ideal for mass plantings for mid to late winter blossom display in street, shopping centre precincts, schools and urban parks
- Suitable for planting in home gardens
- Should not be planted near nature reserves, creeks or watercourses

Use considerations

- Grows well in the Canberra climate
- High frost tolerance to minus 10 degrees Celsius and moderate drought tolerance
- Prefers well drained soils but grows in most Canberra soils
- Grows best in full sun
- [Medium longevity](#)
- Moderate growth rate
- Very low flammability
- Can be subject to shot hole and leaf curl
- Produces good nectar; attracts bees and birds
- Fruit drop may be a minor nuisance in pedestrian and paved areas
- One of the earliest flowering blossoms that can come into bloom as early as late June or early July

Examples in Canberra

Zeehan Street, Red Hill; Coolac Place, Braddon and Bull Street and Lynd Place, Downer

Availability

Commercially available

