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