



# Design Standards for Urban Infrastructure

## Plant Species for Urban Landscape Projects in Canberra

**Botanical Name:** *Eucalyptus apiculata* (Eap)

**Common Name:** Narrow-leaved mallee ash

### Species Description

- Deciduous or evergreen
- Evergreen
- Rounded multi-stemmed [mallee](#)
- Smooth white or light grey stems
- Adult leaves are narrow and are glossy
- Small cream or white flowers from late winter to early spring
- Small woody, barrel shaped fruit

### Height and width

6 metres tall by 4 metres wide

### Species origin

Higher areas of the New South Wales central tablelands, such as near Lithgow

### Landscape use

- Available Soil Volume required:  $\geq 15\text{m}^3$
- Can be used for planting in parks, commercial precincts and home gardens
- Could be a suitable tree for close to structures including larger buildings, but not in shade
- Suitable for tighter planting areas due to its [mallee](#) form

### Use considerations

- Suited to cool to cold winters and moderate to dry summers
- High frost tolerance and moderate drought tolerance
- Typically grows on rocky sites, often with shallow soils and good drainage
- [Medium longevity](#)
- Slow to moderate growth rate
- Likely to be flammable and able to recover after fire
- May be affected to a minor extent by some leaf-eating insects
- Produces nectar, pollen and seeds which attract bees and birds

### Examples in Canberra

Australian National Botanic Gardens

### Availability

Commercially available, however may require forward ordering

