



Design Standards for Urban Infrastructure

Plant Species for Urban Landscape Projects in Canberra

Botanical Name: *Acacia caerulescens* (Aca)

Common Name: Buchan blue, Limestone blue wattle

Species Description

- Evergreen
- Medium sized pyramidal to elliptical tree
- Smooth bark
- Blue-grey [phylloides](#)
- Pale yellow ball-shaped flowers in early spring
- Fruit is a more or less straight, oblong pod

Height and width

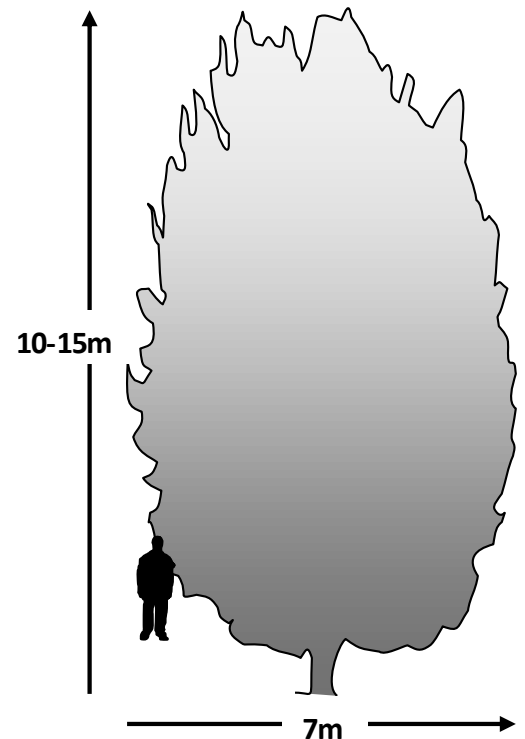
10 to 15 metres tall by 7 metres wide

Species origin

Indigenous to a small localised areas from Buchan to Lakes Entrance in Victoria

Landscape use

- Available Soil Volume required: $\geq 15\text{m}^3$
- Useful for group plantings to provide colour contrast
- Suitable for use in parks, commercial sites and home gardens but would benefit from further trialling



Use considerations

- Has performed poorly in Canberra during wet periods; could be trialled in areas with better drainage
- High frost tolerance and moderate drought tolerance
- Requires good drainage, naturally grows in limestone soils and does not tolerate waterlogging
- Prefers full sun
- [Medium longevity](#)
- Fast-growing
- Low flammability
- Susceptible to insect damage in trunk and limbs
- Low potential for root damage
- Listed as vulnerable under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (Cwlth); a rare plant, it will benefit from further use

Examples in Canberra

National Arboretum Canberra, forest 13

Availability

Not readily available, may need to arrange seed collection and propagation