



# Design Standards for Urban Infrastructure

## Plant Species for Urban Landscape Projects in Canberra

**Botanical Name:** *Cedrus libani* (CDI)

**Common Name:** *Cedar of Lebanon*

### Species Description

- Evergreen
- Tall spreading tree with horizontal branches, often with branches low to the ground
- Dark grey fissured bark
- Dark green to blue green [glaucous](#) needles
- Erect cones

### Height and width

20 metres tall by 15 metres wide

### Species origin

Lebanon and Syria

### Landscape use

- Available Soil Volume required:  $\geq 70\text{m}^3$
- Excellent for use in urban parks for its ornamental value

### Use considerations

- High frost tolerance to minus 10 degrees and good drought tolerance
- Suitability to Canberra's soils, including inundation
- [Long lived](#)
- Slow growing
- Low flammability
- Produces pollen and seeds; attracts birds
- Can be susceptible to a rust fungus that affects leaves but this is not a major problem in Canberra

### Examples in Canberra

National Arboretum Canberra and the cedars interplanted with *Sequoiadendron giganteum* along Commonwealth Avenue south of Lake Burley Griffin are perhaps *Cedrus libani*, particularly two specimens in front of Albert Hall

### Availability

Commercially available

