# Design Standards for Urban Infrastructure

Plant Species for Urban Landscape Projects in Canberra

## **Botanical Name:** *Malus x purpurea* (MAp) **Common Name:** Purple-flowered crab apple

#### **Species Description**

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- Deciduous
- Medium sized tree with rounded form
- Shiny grey-brown bark
- Bronzy-green leaves when young, becoming purplish-green
- Profusion of wine-red flowers
- Light crimson fruit

# **Height and width**

6 to 8 metres tall by 5 metres wide

#### **Species origin**

Possibly originates from Japan

#### Landscape use

- Available Soil Volume required: ≥15m<sup>3</sup>
- Useful as a street tree, especially in cul-desacs
- Can also be used in parks, commercial shopping centres and home gardens
- Should not be planted near nature reserves, creeks or watercourses

## **Use considerations**

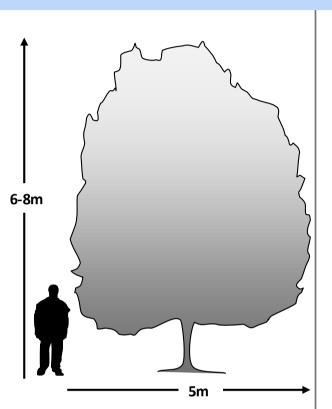
- High frost tolerance and moderate drought tolerance
- Suits most ACT soils
- Will grow in full sun and part shade
- Medium longevity
- Moderate growth rate
- Low flammability
- Produces nectar and pollen; attracts bees and birds
- Fruit can provide a food source for parrots
- Should be pruned in formative years to produce good form
- Fruit drop may be a minor nuisance in paved areas

#### **Examples in Canberra**

ANU campus

Availability

Commercially available



**New species**