



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

New species

Species Description

- 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: $\geq 15\text{m}^3$
- Useful as a street tree, especially in cul-de-sacs
- 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

