



Design Standards for Urban Infrastructure

Plant Species for Urban Landscape Projects in Canberra

Botanical Name: *Prunus persica* (Non-fruiting cultivars) (Ppe)

Common Name: Flowering peach

Species Description

- Deciduous
- Small rounded-shaped tree
- Smooth grey bark
- Leaves turn yellow in autumn
- Prolific flowers of white, pink or red in spring before leaves appear
- Non-fruiting cultivars include 'Versicolor' and 'Magnifica'

Height and width

5 metres tall by 5 metres wide

Species origin

China, but widely cultivated via the Silk Road and introduced to the Roman provinces by the Romans

Landscape use

- Available Soil Volume required: $\geq 15\text{m}^3$
- Can be used in parks and in suburban shopping centres
- Preferably plant in older suburbs which provide protection from hot summer winds
- Suitable for use in home gardens
- Should not be planted near nature reserves, creeks or watercourses

Use considerations

- Can be used in established areas of Canberra
- High frost tolerance to minus 10 degrees Celsius and moderate drought tolerance
- Performs well in most well-drained soils but does not like heavy clay
- [Medium longevity](#)
- Moderate growth rate and prefers full sun
- Very low to nil flammability
- Produces good nectar; attracts bees and birds
- Can require spraying for curly leaf
- Annual pruning after flowering can encourage more prolific flower growth the following year
- Only male non-fruiting cultivars are to be used

Examples in Canberra

Limestone Avenue, Reid and Captain Cook Crescent, Narrabundah

Availability

Commercially available

