Design Standards for Urban Infrastructure
Plant Species for Urban Landscape

Botanical Name: Acer grosseri var. hersii (ACgh)
Common Name: Snake bark maple

Species Description
- Deciduous
- Rounded to elliptical crown
- Green, marbled with white, snake-like bark
- Paired green three lobed leaves, turning red in autumn
- Flowers in long drooping racemes in spring
- Double-winged samaras

Height and width
10 to 12 metres tall by 5 to 6 metres wide

Species origin
The variety is from central China and was introduced to cultivation outside of China in 1919

Landscape use
- Available Soil Volume required: ≥15m³
- Suitable for urban parks, suburban shopping centres and home gardens
- Should not be planted near natural areas

Use considerations
- High frost tolerance and mild drought tolerance
- Grows best in well drained soils
- May require protection from afternoon sun
- Medium longevity
- Vigorous early growth rate
- Low flammability
- Lift pruning to recommended to encourage a straight trunk rather than multiple stems
- Produces nectar and pollen which attract bees and other pollinators

Examples in Canberra
Not known in Canberra in public plantings

Availability
Commercially available