



Design Standards for Urban Infrastructure

Plant Species for Urban Landscape Projects in Canberra

Botanical Name: *Acacia covenyi* (Acy)

Common Name: Blue bush

Species Description

- Evergreen
- Small, rounded tree
- Smooth, dark grey bark
- Distinctive blue-grey [phyllodes](#)
- Large heads of yellow globular flowers in early spring
- Bluish-brown to reddish brown seed pods

Height and width

6 metres tall by 6 metres wide

Species origin

Limestone slopes near Bendethera, west of Moruya, New South Wales

Landscape use

- Available Soil Volume required: $\geq 15\text{m}^3$
- A useful species suitable for use in urban parks, shopping centre precincts and home gardens; not suitable for paved areas
- Can be used as a screening plant or in shelter belts
- Looks particularly effective when planted in groups

Use considerations

- Suits all areas of the ACT
- High frost and drought tolerance
- Suits all ACT soils, but prefers alkaline soils with good drainage
- Grows well in full sun or part shade
- [Short lived](#)
- Fast growing
- Low flammability
- Low potential for root damage
- Produces pollen and seeds
- Attracts bees, birds, butterflies and beetles
- Considered a rare plant until recently, it will benefit from further use

Examples in Canberra

Australian National Botanic Gardens and the Australian National University

Availability

Commercially available

