



Design Standards for Urban Infrastructure

Plant Species for Urban Landscape Projects in Canberra

Botanical Name: *Eucalyptus cunninghamii* (Ecu)

Common Name: Cliff mallee ash

Species Description

- Evergreen
- Rounded to spreading, multi-stemmed [mallee](#)
- Bark sheds in large ribbons
- Greyish dense foliage
- Prominent cream to white flowers in autumn
- Small rounded woody fruit

Height and width

3 metres tall by 4 metres wide

Species origin

Areas of temperate climate in the Blue Mountains on cliff ledges

Landscape use

- Available Soil Volume required: $\geq 15\text{m}^3$
- Useful for parks and home gardens
- Not suitable for use as a street tree due to its multi-stemmed [mallee](#) form

Use considerations

- Has performed well in Canberra
- High frost and drought tolerance
- Performs well on dry, hard, stony sites
- [Medium longevity](#)
- Moderate growth rate
- Moderate flammability as foliage is close to the ground, but the fire risk is reduced as it is a small tree
- Scale has been noted on this species
- Provides habitat for wildlife
- Produces nectar, pollen and seeds which attract bees and birds
- The growth of [epicormic shoots](#) can make the plant appear untidy

Examples in Canberra

Australian National Botanic Gardens

Availability

May have to be ordered but seed is readily available

