



ACT
Government

Transport Canberra
and City Services

Design Standards for Urban Infrastructure

Plant Species for Urban Landscape Projects in Canberra

Botanical Name: *Prunus serrulata* (Pse)

Common Name: Ornamental flowering cherry

Species Description

- Deciduous
- Small flat topped tree with spreading branches
- Smooth chestnut-brown bark with horizontal [lenticels](#)
- Green leaves, turning yellow to red in autumn
- Large double white or pink flowers in early spring
- Small red cherry-like fruit

Height and width

8 metres tall by 5 metres wide

Species origin

China and Japan of ancient lineage

Landscape use

- Available Soil Volume required: $\geq 15\text{m}^3$
- Ideal for use in urban parks and shopping centres
- Could be used as a street tree in cul-de-sacs where branches would not be affected by trucks
- Suitable for use in home gardens

Use considerations

- Suitable for all urban areas of the ACT
- High frost tolerance to minus 10 degrees Celsius and moderate drought tolerance
- Will tolerate most soils but prefers well drained loams
- [Medium longevity](#)
- Moderate growth rate
- Very low flammability
- Prefers full sun to part shade
- Produces good nectar; attracts bees and birds
- Recommended not to prune the tree but to let it grow to its natural shape
- Leaves can be affected by pear and cherry slug
- Fruit drop may be a minor nuisance in pedestrian and paved areas

Examples in Canberra

Yarralumla Nursery

Availability

Commercially available

