



# Design Standards for Urban Infrastructure

## Plant Species for Urban Landscape Projects in Canberra

**Botanical Name:** *Ginkgo biloba* (Glb)

**Common Name:** Maidenhair tree

### Species Description

- Deciduous
- Large open crowned conifer
- Distinctive fan-shaped leaves turning clear yellow in autumn
- Greenish catkins produced on male trees in spring
- Female trees produces paired fruit on stalks that develop into seeds after pollination

### Height and width

15 metres tall by 8 to 12 metres wide

### Species origin

Eastern China

### Landscape use

- Available Soil Volume required:  $\geq 45\text{m}^3$
- Useful as an ornamental tree in parks
- Could be used as a street tree in conjunction with a secondary, faster growing street species
- Suitable for use in home gardens

### Use considerations

- Suits most areas of Canberra
- High frost tolerance to minus 15 degrees Celsius and moderate drought tolerance
- Prefers rich, well drained soils with irrigation
- Long lived
- Slow growing
- Very low flammability
- Grows best in full sun
- Female trees produce pungent fruit; it is recommended to only plant the male form of the tree

### Examples in Canberra

Watt Street, Campbell, the Forestry Building courtyard, ANU, and an excellent specimen can be seen in the 'English Garden' adjacent to the Yarralumla Nursery

### Availability

Commercially available

