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Design Standards for Urban Infrastructure

Plant Species for Urban Landscape Projects in Canberra

Botanical Name: *Acacia pendula* (Ape)

Common Name: Myall, Weeping myall

Species Description

- Evergreen
- Small elliptical tree with pendulous branches and yellowish branchlets
- Bark is grey, hard and fissured
- Straight to [falcate](#) silvery drooping [glaucous phyllodes](#)
- Irregular flowering in winter and spring
- Pods straight or strongly curved and narrowly winged

Height and width

8 metres tall by 5 metres wide

Species origin

Western New South Wales

Landscape use

- Available Soil Volume required: $\geq 15\text{m}^3$
- Useful tree for parks, arterial median strips, shopping centres and home gardens
- Can be used in riparian plantings

Use considerations

- High frost and drought tolerance
- Tolerates inundation for short durations, but prefers well drained soils
- Suitability for most soils including fertile loams, alluviums and heavy clays
- Prefers full sun but will tolerate part shade
- [Medium](#) to [long lived](#)
- Slow to moderate growth rate
- Low flammability
- Develops a good form without formative pruning
- Affected by processional caterpillars in western NSW, but no pests are noted locally
- Produces pollen and seeds which attract bees, birds, butterflies and beetles
- Provides habitat for birds

Examples in Canberra

Southern Cross Drive median, and has performed well on Ginninderra Drive and in Weston Park, however needs further trials in various environments

Availability

Seeds and plants available from native tree specialists

