



Design Standards for Urban Infrastructure

Plant Species for Urban Landscape Projects in Canberra

Botanical Name: *Melaleuca bracteata* (Mba)

Common Name: Black tea tree

Species Description

- Evergreen
- Medium sized tree with rounded top
- Hard fissured bark
- Ovate leaves up to 2 centimetres long
- with little to no [petiole](#)
- White flowers in profusion in spring
- Fruit are small nuts

Height and width

8 to 12 metres tall by 6 to 8 metres wide

Species origin

Eastern Australia

Landscape use

- Available Soil Volume required: $\geq 30\text{m}^3$
- Can be used in urban parks and open spaces

Use considerations

- High frost tolerance once established and high drought tolerance
- Prefers soil with good drainage, although will grow in heavy clays and tolerate waterlogged sites
- [Medium longevity](#)
- Moderate growth rate
- Low flammability
- Formative pruning may be required to enhance line of sight on road verge plantings
- Produces seeds and significant nectar and pollen
- Attracts bees and birds

Examples in Canberra

Australian National Botanic Gardens

Availability

Commercially available

