



# Design Standards for Urban Infrastructure

## Plant Species for Urban Landscape Projects in Canberra

**Botanical Name:** *Eucalyptus benthamii* (Ebe)

**New species**

**Common Name:** Camden white gum

### Species Description

- Deciduous or evergreen
- Evergreen
- Tall straight tree with multi-branched crown
- Smooth white bark, shedding in long ribbons from summer to autumn
- Dull green [lanceolate](#) leaves
- White flowers in summer and autumn
- Small bell shaped capsules

### Height and width

15 to 25 metres tall by 10 to 20 metres wide

### Species origin

Near Camden, on the Nepean River and its tributaries in New South Wales

### Landscape use

- Available Soil Volume required:  $\geq 100\text{m}^3$
- Suitable for use in parks and open space areas, away from nature reserves
- A useful specimen tree
- Not suitable for use in screening or shelter belts
- Ribbons of bark may cause problems with flammability in the [inner asset protection zone](#), although should be okay if not in continuous planting

### Use considerations

- High frost tolerance and moderate drought tolerance
- Better suited to fertile loams and alluvia on flatter or low slopes; not suitable for wet sites
- [Long lived](#) in its natural environment
- Fast growth rate
- Produces nectar, pollen and seeds
- Attracts bees
- Provides habitat for a wide variety of local fauna, especially birds and bats
- Classified as a vulnerable species due to the destruction of its natural habitat

### Examples in Canberra

Kowen Forest conservation stand and on trial at the National Arboretum Canberra

### Availability

Seed available commercially, including genetically improved seed

