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Design Standards for Urban Infrastructure

Plant Species for Urban Landscape Projects in Canberra

Botanical Name: *Acer platanoides* 'Crimson Sentry' (ACps)

New species

Common Name: Upright purple Norway maple

Species Description

- Deciduous or evergreen
- Medium sized, narrow and upright form
- Greyish-black, lightly textured bark
- Dense red to purple foliage all season
- Insignificant maroon-yellow flowers in spring
- [Samaras](#) in pairs

Height and width

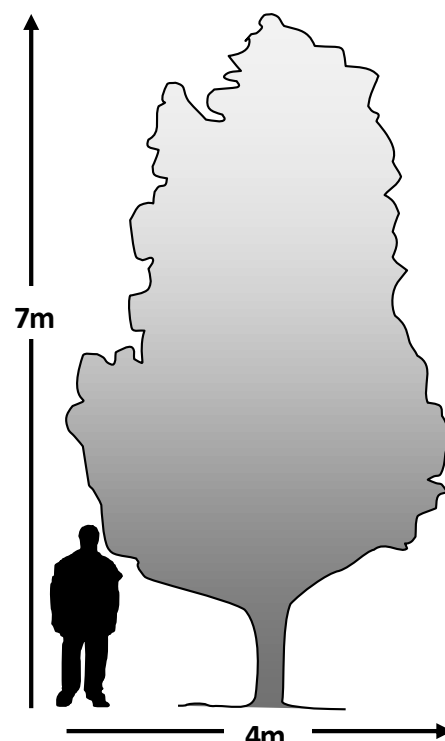
7 metres tall by 4 metres wide

Species origin

United States of America

Landscape use

- Available Soil Volume required: $\geq 15\text{m}^3$
- Suitable for street and park plantings, commercial shopping centres and home gardens
- Should not be planted near nature reserves, creeks or watercourses



Use considerations

- Grows best in a cool, moist climate
- High frost tolerance to minus 15 degrees Celsius and low drought tolerance
- Prefers well drained fertile soil with reliable moisture
- Requires full sun
- Dry sites can lead to extensive crown terminal branchlet death and tend to burn leaves
- [Medium longevity](#)
- Moderate growth rate
- Very low flammability
- Possibly subject to a leaf rust fungus but it does not appear to be a significant problem in Canberra
- Provides wildlife habitat for birds and produces nectar which attracts bees
- Vigorous surface roots can be problem, possibly a case for root barrier control

Examples in Canberra

Two specimens at Clare Holland House, Barton

Availability

Commercially available