



# Design Standards for Urban Infrastructure

## Plant Species for Urban Landscape Projects in Canberra

**Botanical Name:** *Lagerstroemia indica* x *L. fauriei* 'Tuscarora' (LAt)

**Common Name:** Tuscarora crepe myrtle

**New species**

### Species Description

- Deciduous
- Small open vase shaped tree
- Distinctive exfoliating cinnamon coloured bark
- Green leaves changing to reddish-orange in autumn
- Deep pink flowers for 60 to 90 days in late summer to autumn on the new season's wood
- Insignificant fruit

### Height and width

6 metres tall by 4 metres wide

### Species origin

Created in the US National Arboretum by crossing *L. indica* and *L. fauriei*, originally from China and Taiwan

### Landscape use

- Available Soil Volume required:  $\geq 15\text{m}^3$
- Can be used as a street tree, in parks and shopping centres
- Suitable for use in home gardens

### Use considerations

- Suitable for Canberra's climate
- High frost and drought tolerance once established
- Suits most soils from loams to clays, growing particularly well on sites with higher moisture levels
- Grows best in full sun
- [Medium longevity](#)
- Moderate rate of growth
- Very low flammability
- Mildew resistant
- Produces a small amount of nectar; attracts bees
- Light formative pruning can be undertaken when young to create a high canopy

### Examples in Canberra

Kemble Court, Mitchell

### Availability

Commercially available

