



# Design Standards for Urban Infrastructure

## Plant Species for Urban Landscape Projects in Canberra

**Botanical Name:** *Prunus* 'Shirofugen' (Psf)

**Common Name:** Japanese flowering cherry

### Species Description

- Deciduous
- Small spreading tree with a wide crown
- Coppery-red bark
- Young leaves are bright bronze, changing to yellow and tawny-bronze in autumn
- White to pale rose-purple flowers in large clusters in late spring/early summer
- [Ovoid](#) cherry-like fruit following flowers

### Height and width

6 metres tall by 6 metres wide

### Species origin

Japan

### Landscape use

- Available Soil Volume required:  $\geq 15\text{m}^3$
- Useful for ornamental flower display in shopping centre precincts and urban parks where additional irrigation is available
- Suitable as a street tree only on wide verges (6 metres plus)
- Suitable for use in home gardens
- Should not be planted near nature reserves, creeks or watercourses

### Use considerations

- Grows well in Canberra's climate
- One of the best clones for floral amenity due to the late, large long-lasting flowers
- High frost tolerance to minus 10 degrees Celsius and moderate drought tolerance
- Will grow in most local soils, however prefers good drainage
- Grows best in full sun
- [Medium longevity](#)
- Fast growing
- Very low flammability
- Produces nectar; attracts bees
- Minor shaping can be undertaken, which is best done in summer
- Can have problems with pear and cherry tree slug

### Examples in Canberra

Not known in Canberra in public plantings

### Availability

Commercially available

