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# Design Standards for Urban Infrastructure

## Plant Species for Urban Landscape Projects in Canberra

**Botanical Name:** *Fraxinus angustifolia* subsp. *oxycarpa* 'Raywood' (FRar)

**Common Name:** Claret Ash

### Species Description

- Deciduous
- Single trunk and rounded crown
- Shallow fissured, grey-brown bark
- Dark green leaves turning claret red in autumn
- Flowers in winter
- Fruit is a [samara](#)

### Height and width

15 metres tall by 12 to 15 metres wide

### Species origin

Southern Europe to Iran

### Landscape use

- Available Soil Volume required:  $\geq 70\text{m}^3$
- Suitable for use as a street tree, in avenues, in urban parks and as a shade tree in urban shopping centres
- Has performed very consistently across Canberra, particularly in street tree plantings
- Should not be planted near nature reserves, creeks or watercourses

### Use considerations

- Suits all areas of Canberra very well
- High frost tolerance to minus 10 degrees Celsius and very good drought tolerance
- Tolerates all Canberra's soils but suffers dieback with insufficient moisture
- [Medium to long lived](#)
- Moderate growth rate
- Extremely low flammability
- Very few pest and disease problems
- Vigorous root systems can lead to maintenance issues
- Can be grafted on to *Fraxinus velutina* or *Fraxinus excelsior* rootstock; *F. velutina* rootstock appears to increase drought tolerance and be deeper rooted once established

### Examples in Canberra

Stephen and Calvert Streets, Ainslie and Nuyts Street, Red Hill

### Availability

Commercially available

