



Design Standards for Urban Infrastructure

Plant Species for Urban Landscape Projects in Canberra

Botanical Name: *Prunus padus* (Ppa)

New species

Common Name: Bird cherry, Hackberry

Species Description

- Deciduous
- Tall tree with upright growing branches
- Smooth brown bark
- Elliptical dark green leaves, becoming red/yellow in autumn
- Drooping [racemes](#) of almond-scented white flowers in spring
- Small bitter black fruit

Height and width

10 to 12 metres tall by 6 metres wide

Species origin

Southern Europe

Landscape use

- Available Soil Volume required: $\geq 15\text{m}^3$
- Ideal for use as a street tree or avenue tree due to its upward branching
- Can be used in urban parks, commercial shopping precincts and home gardens
- Fruit drop may be a minor nuisance in pedestrian areas

Use considerations

- Suits all climactic conditions of the ACT and performs well in private gardens locally
- High frost tolerance and moderate drought tolerance
- Tolerates all soils in the ACT
- Prefers full sun
- [Medium longevity](#)
- Moderate growth rate
- Very low to no flammability
- A good source of nectar which attracts bees and birds

Examples in Canberra

Rawson Street, Deakin

Availability

Commercially available

