



ACT
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Transport Canberra
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Design Standards for Urban Infrastructure

Plant Species for Urban Landscape Projects in Canberra

Botanical Name: *Allocasuarina verticillata* (ACv)

Common Name: Drooping she-oak

Species Description

- Evergreen
- Small to medium sized round-headed tree
- Horizontally striped trunk
- Pendulous branches of dusky green foliage, tipped red in spring
- Flowers during winter
- Small cones up to 3 centimetres long

Height and width

6 metres tall by 4 metres wide

Species origin

South Eastern Australia, including the ACT

Landscape use

- Available Soil Volume required: $\geq 15\text{m}^3$
- Good for use in urban parks, shopping centres, revegetation areas and home gardens
- Can be used as a screen or hedge plant
- Well suited to broad landscapes and wildlife corridors

Use considerations

- Grows well in all areas of the ACT
- High frost tolerance (to minus 10 degrees Celsius) and drought tolerance
- Will grow in most soils, however requires good drainage
- [Medium longevity](#)
- Moderate growth rate
- Medium flammability
- Can be susceptible to psyllid galls, and can appear poorly as a young plant
- Produces pollen and seeds which attract birds
- Local species that provides wildlife habitat

Examples in Canberra

National Arboretum Canberra, Red Hill Lookout

Availability

Commercially available

