

**Botanical Name:** *Allocasuarina littoralis* (ALI)

**Common Name:** Black She-Oak

### Species Description

- Evergreen
- Small ornamental tree with upright form
- Dark black bark
- Dusky green foliage, tipped red in spring
- Showy dark red flowers in spring
- Cones to 3 centimetres long

### Height and width

8 to 12 metres tall by 4 metres wide

### Species origin

Grows naturally in the ACT area, especially in hilly areas such as Tidbinbilla

### Landscape use

- Available Soil Volume required:  $\geq 45\text{m}^3$
- Can be used as a decorative feature at urban local shopping centres, as a windbreak around seating areas and in revegetation areas
- Suitable for use in parks and home gardens
- Not suitable for use as a street tree

### Use considerations

- Suited to the Canberra climate and grows well locally
- High frost and drought tolerance
- Will grow well in most soils, but requires good drainage
- [Short lived](#)
- Fast to moderate growth rate
- Moderate flammability
- Produces pollen and seeds which are a popular food source for black cockatoos
- Attracts bees and birds

### Examples in Canberra

Australian National Botanic Gardens and Gibraltar Falls, Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve

### Availability

Commercially available, although may require forward ordering

