# Design Standards for Urban Infrastructure

Plant Species for Urban Landscape Projects in Canberra

## **Botanical Name:** *Eucalyptus gracilis* (Egr) **Common Name:** White mallee, Red mallee

#### **Species Description**

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- Evergreen
- Can be either a mallee form or a small tree
- Has a 'stocking' of fibrous bark
- Pendulous foliage
- White flowers from April to September
- Small urn shaped woody fruit

# **Height and width**

6 to 12 metres tall by 4 to 8 metres wide (dependent on form)

#### **Species origin**

Occurs over a wide area of southern Australia, from New South Wales to Western Australia

#### Landscape use

- Available Soil Volume required: ≥30m<sup>3</sup>
- Suitable for limited use as a feature plant in parks; not for paved area
- Would not be useful where reliability is required such as street tree plantings
- Useful in <u>wildlife corridors</u> as browsing and shelter habitat

## **Use considerations**

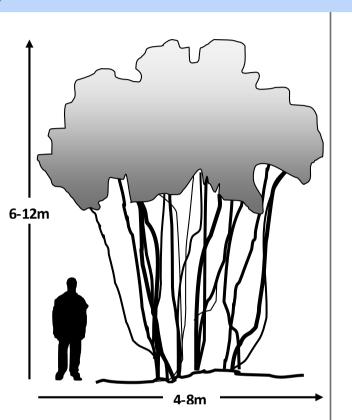
- Suitable for drier situations in the ACT
- High frost and drought tolerance
- Prefers well drained loams to clays, not suitable for damp or wet sites
- Long lived
- Moderate growth rate
- Moderate flammability
- Probably subject to more common Eucalyptus pests, especially scale and psyllids
- Formative pruning is less important for this species
- Produces seeds and significant nectar and pollen
- Attracts bees, mahogany gliders (in NSW), and yellow-tailed black cockatoos
- Establishment may be more difficult than other regional species, especially for the mallee form

#### **Examples in Canberra**

Andrea Place, Bagshaw Place, Clucas Place and Mayfield Hill, Bonython; Illidge Place, Florey

## **Availability**

Seed is readily available but plants may need to be ordered



#### **New species**