



Design Standards for Urban Infrastructure

Plant Species for Urban Landscape Projects in Canberra

Botanical Name: *Cupressus sempervirens* 'Glauca' (CUs)

Common Name: Italian cypress, pencil pine

Species Description

- Evergreen
- Upright tree with narrow columnar form
- Grey lightly fissured bark
- Dense green to blue-green foliage
- Formal appearance
- Small [ovoid](#) cones

Height and width

10 to 15 metres tall by 3 to 5 metres wide

Species origin

Mediterranean areas to Iran

Landscape use

- Available Soil Volume required: $\geq 70\text{m}^3$
- Suitable for avenue planting or group plantings in urban parks, as well as in shopping precincts
- Suitable for street tree plantings on narrow verges, providing minor shade for footpaths
- Suitable for use in home gardens
- Suits areas with restricted space

Use considerations

- Has performed very well in Canberra
- High frost tolerance to minus 10 degrees Celsius and high drought tolerance
- Tolerates a range of soils
- Grows best in full sun but adapts to partial shade
- [Long lived](#)
- Moderate growth rate
- Low to medium flammability
- May have minor canker problems
- Produces pollen and seeds; provides wildlife habitat for bird nesting

Examples in Canberra

Not known in Canberra in public plantings

Availability

Commercially available

