



Design Standards for Urban Infrastructure

Plant Species for Urban Landscape Projects in Canberra

Botanical Name: *Prunus x blireana* (Pbl)

Common Name: Flowering plum, Purple-leaved plum

Species Description

- Deciduous
- Small upright tree with a vase-like canopy
- Dark purple-red branches
- Metallic copper-purple leaves turning purplish-green in summer
- Double rose-pink flowers in spring that are slightly fragrant when in abundance
- Does not produce fruit

Height and width

4 metres tall by 4 metres wide

Species origin

Cross between *Prunus cerasifera* 'Pissardii' and *Prunus mume* 'Alphandii'

Landscape use

- Available Soil Volume required: $\geq 15\text{m}^3$
- Can be used as street tree, in urban parks, around shopping centres and in home gardens
- Has been planted extensively as a street tree in Canberra
- Should not be planted near nature reserves, creeks or watercourses

Use considerations

- Excellent for Canberra's climate
- High frost tolerance to minus 10 degrees Celsius and drought tolerance
- Grows well in most soils
- Prefers full sun to part shade, flowering best in full sun
- [Medium longevity](#)
- Fast growing when young, followed by moderate growth
- Very low flammability
- Produces good nectar; attracts bees
- Formative pruning is required to encourage a single trunk

Examples in Canberra

Carruthers Street, Curtin; Hobart Avenue, Forrest and Panton Street, Downer

Availability

Commercially available

