



**ACT**  
Government

Transport Canberra  
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# Design Standards for Urban Infrastructure

## Plant Species for Urban Landscape Projects in Canberra

**Botanical Name:** *Araucaria bidwillii* (AAb)

**Common Name:** Bunya Bunya pine

### Species Description

- Evergreen
- Tall pyramidal shaped tree when younger, often with a low branching habit, becoming more open with age
- Bark is wrinkled and almost black
- Rich dark green glossy prickly leaves
- Edible seeds/nuts on the tree in cones 30 centimetres by 20 centimetres, weighing up to 4 to 5 kilograms

### Height and width

20 to 25 metres tall by 15 metres wide

### Species origin

Bunya Mountains to the northwest of Brisbane, Queensland and northern New South Wales

### Landscape use

- Available Soil Volume required:  $\geq 70\text{m}^3$
- Large open areas are needed to set this beautiful ornamental tree to its best advantage
- Suitable only for planting in wide open spaces and parks
- Not suitable for wildlife corridors

### Use considerations

- Suited to all areas of the ACT
- Frost tolerance to minus 10 degrees Celsius and good drought tolerance
- Grows well in most Canberra soils
- [Long lived](#)
- Slow growing
- Low flammability
- Large and heavy cones
- Attracts seed eat birds (particularly cockatoos) and mammals
- Planted in the ACT region since the mid to late 1800s

### Examples in Canberra

State Circle off Kings Avenue (planted by the Duke of York in 1927), in the English Garden at Weston Park and young Centenary (2013) plantings at the Flynn Drive clover leaf

### Availability

Not readily available, may require forward ordering

