



**ACT**  
Government

Transport Canberra  
and City Services

# Design Standards for Urban Infrastructure

## Plant Species for Urban Landscape Projects in Canberra

**Botanical Name:** *Eucalyptus melliodora* (Eme)

**Common Name:** Yellow box

### Species Description

- Evergreen
- Large spreading tree with a rounded crown
- Bark is rough to variable heights on the trunk
- Elegant grey-green foliage
- Creamy white flowers from spring to summer
- Small rounded woody fruit

### Height and width

20 to 25 metres tall by 20 metres wide

### Species origin

ACT, New South Wales and Victorian Tablelands

### Landscape use

- Available Soil Volume required:  $\geq 100\text{m}^3$
- Large spreading tree suitable for use in parks
- Suitable for use in revegetation areas and [wildlife corridors](#)

### Use considerations

- A local species well suited to the local climate and is particularly suited to flatter woodland areas
- Performs well and is widely planted in the ACT
- High frost and drought tolerance
- Suited to a range of ACT soils, but mainly found on lower, flatter areas off hilly and rocky areas
- [Long lived](#)
- Slow to moderate growth rate
- High flammability
- Produces seeds and attracts birds and bees which produce significant amounts of high quality honey
- Important species for wildlife habitat in the ACT region
- Listed as an ecologically beneficial species under the *Tree Protection Act 2005*

### Examples in Canberra

Corner of Forsythe and Alison Ashby Crescent, Banks

### Availability

Commercially available, should be sourced from the ACT region for best provenance

