



# Design Standards for Urban Infrastructure

## Plant Species for Urban Landscape Projects in Canberra

**Botanical Name:** *Cupressus sempervirens* 'Swane's Golden' (CUg)

**Common Name:** Swane's golden Italian cypress; Swane's golden pencil pine

### Species Description

- Evergreen
- Upright tree with narrow columnar form
- Grey lightly fissured bark
- Dense golden foliage
- Small [ovoid](#) cones

### Height and width

10 to 15 metres tall by 3 to 5 metres wide

### Species origin

Mediterranean areas to Iran; cultivar selected in 1944 by Swane's Nursery, Australia

### 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

### Use considerations

- Suitable for all locations in the ACT
- High frost tolerance to minus 10 degrees Celsius and high drought tolerance
- Will grow in all Canberra soils
- Grows well in full sun or light 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

