



# Design Standards for Urban Infrastructure

## Plant Species for Urban Landscape Projects in Canberra

**Botanical Name:** *Malus floribunda* (MAf)

**Common Name:** Japanese flowering crab apple

### Species Description

- Deciduous
- Small tree with rounded to spreading form
- Shiny greyish-brown bark
- Bright green leaves turning yellow in autumn
- Highly [floriferous](#); flowers in spring before most other blossom trees, with blossoms appearing before the leaves as deep crimson buds opening to pale pink flowers
- Small insignificant red and yellow fruit

### Height and width

5 metres tall by 5 metres wide

### Species origin

Japan

### Landscape use

- Available Soil Volume required:  $\geq 15\text{m}^3$
- Ideal for use in parks and shopping centre precincts, and can be used on wide street verges
- A favourite tree for private gardens in Canberra
- Should not be planted near nature reserves, creeks or watercourses, or within 2m of hydraulic services

### Use considerations

- High frost tolerance and medium drought tolerance
- Suits most soil types
- Flowers best in full sun
- [Medium longevity](#)
- Moderate growth rate
- Very low flammability
- Produces pollen and significant nectar; attracts bees and birds
- Formative pruning may be required to reduce low branching if service access is required or if being used in street verges
- Fruit drop could be a problem around footpaths and paved areas

### Examples in Canberra

Board Place, Lyle Place, Wurth Place, Chifley and Brid Place, Lyons

### Availability

Commercially available

