



# Design Standards for Urban Infrastructure

## Plant Species for Urban Landscape Projects in Canberra

**Botanical Name:** *Prunus x yedoensis* (Pys)

**New species**

**Common Name:** Yoshino cherry, Tokyo cherry

### Species Description

- Deciduous
- Small spreading ornamental cherry
- Smooth grey bark
- New leaves are bronze in spring, changing to green in summer and yellow in autumn
- Almond scented white to pale pink flowers in large clusters in spring
- Small insignificant red cherries

### Height and width

7 metres tall by 5 metres wide

### Species origin

Japan, cross between *Prunus lannesiana* and *Prunus pendula*

### Landscape use

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

### Use considerations

- Suitable for Canberra's climate
- High frost tolerance and moderate drought tolerance
- Prefers well drained soils, but will grow in most soils
- Flowers best in full sun
- [Medium longevity](#)
- Fast growing
- Very low flammability
- Produces good nectar; attracts bees, birds and butterflies
- Susceptible to pear and cherry slug

### Examples in Canberra

Foreshore near Captain Cook Fountain; Becker Place, Dower; Yapunyah Street, Campbell; Bramble Street, Red Hill and the National Arboretum Canberra

### Availability

Commercially available

