



Design Standards for Urban Infrastructure

Plant Species for Urban Landscape Projects in Canberra

Botanical Name: *Fraxinus excelsior* 'Aurea' (FRe)

Common Name: Golden ash

Species Description

- Deciduous
- A spreading rounded tree
- Lightly fissured grey-brown bark
- Bright green leaves turning golden-yellow in autumn
- Insignificant yellowish-green flowers in spring
- Fruit is a [samara](#)

Height and width

10 to 12 metres tall by 8 to 10 metres wide

Species origin

Europe

Landscape use

- Available Soil Volume required: $\geq 45\text{m}^3$
- Useful as a small ornamental or feature tree in home gardens
- Can be used on well protected sites in parks and commercial areas
- Should not be planted near nature reserves

Use considerations

- Best suited to temperate climates
- High frost tolerance to minus 10 degrees Celsius and low drought tolerance
- Requires moist conditions and reasonable soil fertility for successful performance
- [Medium to long lived](#)
- Moderate growth rate
- Very low flammability
- Can be formative pruned to achieve a small formal specimen tree

Examples in Canberra

Not known in Canberra in public plantings

Availability

Commercially available, however may require forward ordering

