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Design Standards for Urban Infrastructure

Plant Species for Urban Landscape Projects in Canberra

Botanical Name: *Eucalyptus parvula* (Epa)

Common Name: Small-leaved gum

Species Description

- Evergreen
- Small bushy tree with single or multiple trunks
- Smooth, dull grey bark
- Small, [lanceolate](#) and dark green leaves
- White flowers from February to March
- Small hemispherical woody fruit

Height and width

6 to 10 metres tall by 5 to 10 metres wide

Species origin

Originates from a small areas near Numeralla, New South Wales

Landscape use

- Available Soil Volume required: $\geq 45\text{m}^3$
- Suitable for use as a street tree, in parks and commercial precincts
- Well suited to sites where a small tree is required, including home gardens

Use considerations

- Not commonly grown in Canberra, but performs satisfactorily on deeper soils where adequate moisture is available
- High frost tolerance and moderate drought tolerance
- Prefers a site with moist soil that only dries out for short periods
- [Medium longevity](#)
- Slow to moderate growth rate
- Flammable like most eucalypts, not recommended to plant in continuous stretches of vegetation
- Affected by usual common local pest species, especially scale
- Formative pruning may be required to create a single trunk
- Produces nectar, pollen and seeds which attract bees and birds
- Provides good wildlife habitat, especially for small birds

Examples in Canberra

Australian National Botanic Gardens

Availability

Seed readily available, but would require forward ordering

