



Design Standards for Urban Infrastructure

Plant Species for Urban Landscape Projects in Canberra

Botanical Name: *Brachychiton populneus* (BRp)

Common Name: Kurrajong tree

Species Description

- Evergreen although some trees may be semi-deciduous in early summer
- Medium sized tree with spreading crown
- Hard grey bark with shallow fissures
- Glossy green foliage, with juvenile foliage often being tri-lobed
- Bell-shaped flowers from autumn to summer
- Large hard shelled seed pods

Height and width

10 to 12 metres tall by 8 to 10 metres wide

Species origin

Indigenous to most areas of the eastern states of Australia, including the ACT

Landscape use

- Available Soil Volume required: $\geq 45\text{m}^3$
- Can be used as a street tree, but has shown variable performance
- Can be used in parks, commercial precincts, revegetation areas
- Suitable for use in home gardens

Use considerations

- Suited to all areas of the ACT but performs particularly well on higher ground in light soils
- High frost tolerance once established and high drought tolerance
- Grows well on most soils, including gravel, shale and sand, however performs better on higher ground on light soils
- [Long lived](#)
- Slow growth rate
- Low flammability
- Produces nectar and pollen which attract bees and birds
- Excellent farm fodder, especially in drought prone areas

Examples in Canberra

Limestone Avenue; Furneaux Street, Griffith; Wickham Crescent, Red Hill; the Royal Canberra Golf Course and the Cotter Reserve

Availability

Commercially available or can be grown from local seed

