



ACT
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Transport Canberra
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Design Standards for Urban Infrastructure

Plant Species for Urban Landscape Projects in Canberra

Botanical Name: *Cupressus sempervirens* 'Stricta' (CUs)

Common Name: Italian cypress, Pencil pine

Species Description

- Evergreen
- Upright tree with narrow columnar form
- Grey lightly fissured bark
- Dense green to blue-green foliage
- Small [ovoid](#) cones

Height and width

10 to 15 metres tall by 3 to 5 metres wide

Species origin

Mediterranean areas to Iran

Landscape use

- Available Soil Volume required: $\geq 70\text{m}^3$
- Suitable for avenue planting or group plantings in urban parks, as well as in shopping precincts
- Suitable for street tree plantings on narrow verges, providing minor shade for footpaths
- Suitable for use in home gardens

Use considerations

- Suited to a wide range of sites and has performed very well in Canberra
- High frost tolerance to minus 10 degrees Celsius and high drought tolerance
- Will grow in all Canberra soils
- [Long lived](#)
- Moderate growth rate
- Low to medium flammability
- May have minor canker problems
- Produces pollen and seeds; provides wildlife habitat for bird nesting

Examples in Canberra

Drake Street, Lister Crescent and Lewis Street, Ainslie, Wentworth Avenue, Kingston and on City Hill and in Haig Park (both on the ACT Tree Register)

Availability

Commercially available

