



# Design Standards for Urban Infrastructure

## Plant Species for Urban Landscape Projects in Canberra

**Botanical Name:** *Prunus* 'Sekiyama' syn. *Prunus serrulata* 'Kanzan' (Psk)

**Common Name:** Kanzan flowering cherry

### Species Description

- Deciduous
- Small tree with an upright form, stiffly ascending branches and a vase shaped crown
- Smooth bark with horizontal [lenticels](#)
- Young leaves are coppery-red, becoming dark green
- Abundant double purplish-pink flowers in spring
- Occasionally produces small black fruit

### Height and width

5 metres tall by 3 metres wide

### Species origin

Japan

### Landscape use

- Available Soil Volume required:  $\geq 15\text{m}^3$
- Useful as a street tree
- Suitable for planting in shopping centres and urban parks for spring colour
- Suitable for planting in home gardens
- Should not be planted near nature reserves, creeks or watercourses

### Use considerations

- Suitable for Canberra's climate
- High frost tolerance to minus 10 degrees Celsius and moderate drought tolerance
- Prefers well-drained soils, however will grow in most soils except heavy clay
- Grows in full sun to part shade
- [Medium longevity](#)
- Moderate growth rate
- Very low flammability
- Produces good nectar; attracts bees and birds
- May have problems with pear and cherry slug
- May require supplementary irrigation in dry periods
- Fruit drop may be a minor nuisance in pedestrian and paved areas

### Examples in Canberra

Merrit Place, O'Connor

### Availability

Commercially available

