

Design Standards for Urban Infrastructure

Plant Species for Urban Landscape Projects in Canberra

Botanical Name: Fraxinus ornus (FRo)

Common Name: Manna ash

Species Description

- Deciduous
- Medium sized tree with rounded crown
- Dark grey bark
- Clear yellow to reddish-brown leaves in autumn
- Heavily perfumed, yellow-tinged flowers in spring
- Dark green samaras

Height and width

10 to 12 metres tall by 10 metres wide

Species origin

Southern Europe

Landscape use

- Available Soil Volume required: ≥45m³
- Suitable for use a street tree, in urban parks and in shopping centres due to the fragrant flowers
- · Suitable for use in home gardens
- Should not be planted near nature reserves, creeks or watercourses

Use considerations

- Suitable for Canberra's climate
- High frost tolerance and moderate drought tolerance
- Prefers well-drained soils and is not suitable for heavy clays
- Long lived
- Slow growing
- Low flammability; suitable for planting in the inner asset protection zone
- Can require irrigation when young for up to two years

Examples in Canberra

Anembo Street, Narrabundah and Westbourne Woods

Availability

Commercially available, however likely to require forward ordering

