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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: *Melaleuca linariifolia* (Mli)

Common Name: Flax Leaf Paperbark, Snow In Summer

Species Description

- Evergreen
- Tall shrub or small tree with a dense broadly domed canopy
- Beige-cream papery bark, peeling in thick sheets
- Small linear shaped leaves
- Dense inflorescences of honey-scented cream flowers in summer
- Small cylindrical wooden fruit

Height and width

8 metres tall by 7 metres wide

Species origin

Along water courses and swamps in New South Wales and South-East Queensland

Landscape use

- Available Soil Volume required: $\geq 15\text{m}^3$
- Can be used as a street tree, in parks and commercial shopping centres
- Can be used as a screening plant or windbreak

Use considerations

- Moderate frost and drought tolerant
- Adaptable to a range of soil types, growing naturally in low-lying areas
- Prefers ample moisture and will tolerate periodic inundation. Does not thrive in dry conditions
- [Medium longevity](#)
- Slow to moderate growth rate
- Moderate flammability
- Formative pruning may be required to enhance line of sight on street plantings
- Produces pollen, seeds and significant nectar
- Attracts bees and birds

Examples in Canberra

Australian National Botanic Gardens

Availability

Commercially available

