



Design Standards for Urban Infrastructure

Plant Species for Urban Landscape Projects in Canberra

Botanical Name: *Eucalyptus elata* (Eel)

Common Name: River peppermint

Species Description

- Rounded to elliptical form
- Bark is rough on the lower trunk, and sheds in ribbons from upper trunk and branches, often hanging in the crown
- Graceful light green foliage with a somewhat pendulous habit
- Cream [umbels](#) of flowers in spring
- Small hemispherical woody fruit

Height and width

25 metres tall by 15 metres wide

Species origin

Central tablelands and southern coastal ranges of New South Wales, extending into Victoria; usually occurs in damp gullies

Landscape use

- Available Soil Volume required: $\geq 70\text{m}^3$
- Suitable for use in parklands
- Very useful in creek corridors

Use considerations

- More suited to temperate climates and only moderately suited to Canberra's climate
- Performance is not always good, particularly on harder sites
- Moderate frost and drought tolerance
- Suitable for a wide range of soil types, but prefers moist sites such as creeks and watercourses
- [Medium to long lived](#)
- Fast growing
- Moderate flammability due to the retention of bark ribbons
- Affected by scale and other common local pest species
- Formative pruning is important to avoid multi-branching
- Produce nectar, pollen and seeds
- Attracts bees and birds
- Provides protective, browsing and breeding habitat if allowed to decline
- Listed as problematic tree species under the Tree Protection Act 2005

Examples in Canberra

Northbourne Avenue

Availability

Commercially available

