



# Design Standards for Urban Infrastructure

## Plant Species for Urban Landscape Projects in Canberra

**Botanical Name:** *Cupressus torulosa* (CUt)

**Common Name:** Bhutan cypress

### Species Description

- Evergreen
- Narrow pyramidal form with slender drooping branches
- Greyish brown fibrous bark
- Scale-like green to blue-green foliage
- Small [ovoid](#) purplish brown cones

### Height and width

15 to 20 metres tall by 8 to 10 metres wide

### Species origin

Western Himalayas including Bhutan, extending into China and Vietnam

### Landscape use

- Available Soil Volume required:  $\geq 45\text{m}^3$
- Suitable for park planting individually as a specimen tree
- Ideal for use as a screening or hedging plant
- Not suitable for suburban street verges

### Use considerations

- High frost tolerance to minus 10 degrees Celsius and very high drought tolerance
- Grows well in most ACT soils, but ideally prefers well-drained acidic to neutral soils
- [Long lived](#)
- Moderate growth rate
- Moderate flammability
- Produces pollen and seeds; attracts birds
- Cone drop may be nuisance in paved areas
- Vigorous root system

### Examples in Canberra

An ACT Tree Register tree at the corner of Giles Street and Wentworth Avenue, Kingston

### Availability

Commercially available

