



Design Standards for Urban Infrastructure

Plant Species for Urban Landscape Projects in Canberra

Botanical Name: *Nyssa sylvatica* (NYs)

New species

Common Name: Tupelo

Species Description

- Deciduous
- Pyramidal crown becoming flat topped as the tree grows
- Brown furrowed bark
- Shiny green leaves with wavy margins, turning to purple then intense red in autumn
- Small greenish white flowers on stalks in spring
- Blue-black stone fruit

Height and width

11 metres tall by 6 metres wide

Species origin

Eastern USA

Landscape use

- Available Soil Volume required: $\geq 15\text{m}^3$
- Suitable for use in urban parks as a specimen tree
- Fruit drop may be a nuisance in pedestrian areas

Use considerations

- High frost tolerance and moderate drought tolerance
- High tolerance of waterlogged conditions, but also suitable for well drained loam soils
- [Long lived](#)
- Slow to moderate growth rate
- Low flammability
- Produces pollen which attracts bees

Examples in Canberra

National Arboretum Canberra

Availability

Commercially available

