



Design Standards for Urban Infrastructure

Plant Species for Urban Landscape Projects in Canberra

Botanical Name: *Pyrus calleryana* 'Aristocrat' (PYca)

New species

Common Name: Aristocrat callery pear

Species Description

- Deciduous
- Medium sized tree with firmly attached horizontal branching and pyramidal to oval form
- Greyish-brown bark
- Green leaves in summer with an [undulate](#) margin, and spectacular red and orange autumn leaf colour
- White flowers in spring
- Small pea-sized red-brown fruits

Height and width

11 metres tall by 7 metres wide

Species origin

China/Japan

Landscape use

- Available Soil Volume required: $\geq 15\text{m}^3$
- Suitable for use as a street tree and in parks, urban shopping centres and schools
- Suitable for growth in restricted soil spaces
- Suitable for use in home gardens

Use considerations

- Suitable for Canberra's climate
- High frost and drought tolerance
- Suits most soils found in the ACT including acidic and alkaline soils, and tolerates waterlogged sites
- [Medium longevity](#)
- Fast growth rate
- Low flammability
- Prefers full sun
- Preferred cultivar due to its wider branching angles that are less likely to split in strong winds
- Produces a small amount of nectar

Examples in Canberra

Loveday Crescent Neil Currie Street, Casey and Sphinx Street, Harrison

Availability

Commercially available

