



ACT

Government

Transport Canberra
and City Services

Design Standards for Urban Infrastructure

Plant Species for Urban Landscape Projects in Canberra

Botanical Name: *Eucalyptus albens* (Eal)

Common Name: White box

Species Description

- Deciduous or evergreen
- Evergreen
- Wide crowned woodland eucalypt
- Whitish-grey, fibrous and often [tessellated](#) bark; smooth in the upper branches
- [Glaucous](#) blue-green [lanceolate](#) foliage
- Creamy white flowers in autumn to winter
- Barrel shaped, woody and often waxy fruit

Height and width

15 to 20 metres tall by 10 to 15 metres wide

Species origin

Occurs naturally on the western slopes of New South Wales, Queensland and Victoria

Landscape use

- Available Soil Volume required: $\geq 70\text{m}^3$
- Can be used as a street tree and in parklands
- Could be used in the [inner asset protection zone](#) provided crowns do not interlock
- Not suitable for screening or shelter belts

Use considerations

- Suitable for most open situations in Canberra
- High frost and drought tolerance
- Prefers moderately fertile soils, but can grow well on harsh sites; does not tolerate water-logging
- [Medium to long lived](#)
- Slow to moderate growth rate
- Moderate flammability
- Likely to be susceptible to local eucalypt pests
- Pruning may be required during formative stages if being used in formal street plantings to avoid crooked stems
- Produces seeds and significant nectar and pollen
- Provides browsing and protective habitat for birds and wildlife in hollows as it ages

Examples in Canberra

Mount Mugga, Westbourne Woods

Availability

Requires ordering from seed suppliers

