



Design Standards for Urban Infrastructure

Plant Species for Urban Landscape Projects in Canberra

Botanical Name: *Pinus patula* (Plp)

Common Name: Mexican pine

Species Description

- Evergreen
- Pyramidal shaped tree with distinctive drooping habit
- Attractive reddish-brown bark on trunk
- Slender pale green to yellowish-green pendulous needles held in [fascicles](#) of three
- Insignificant flowers
- Large reddish-brown cones borne on short stalks

Height and width

15 metres tall by 10 metres wide

Species origin

Mexico

Landscape use

- Available Soil Volume required: $\geq 45\text{m}^3$
- Ideally suited for urban parks as a specimen tree with its distinctive weeping habit
- Can be used for verge plantings in open landscape situations, but not suitable for urban streets
- Should not be planted near nature reserves, creeks or watercourses

Use considerations

- Grows well in Canberra, although not widely grown
- High frost tolerance (to minus 10 degrees Celsius) and very high drought tolerance
- Grows in most soils, including light soils
- [Long lived](#)
- Fast growing
- Moderate flammability
- Produces pollen and seeds; attracts birds
- Large pine cones may be a nuisance in pedestrian areas

Examples in Canberra

Corner of Northbourne Avenue and London Circuit; Dudley Street Yarralumla opposite the Uniting church; and Spoering Street Phillip, on the northern edge of Phillip Oval

Availability

Commercially available

