



# Design Standards for Urban Infrastructure

## Plant Species for Urban Landscape Projects in Canberra

**Botanical Name:** *Acer rubrum* 'October Glory' (ACro)

**New species**

**Common Name:** Lipstick maple, October Glory maple

### Species Description

- Deciduous
- Small tree with rounded columnar form
- Thin, dark grey, roughly textured bark
- Leaves are dark green and glossy before turning a dark pinkish-red and then vivid red in autumn
- Bright red but insignificant flowers in spring
- Double-winged [samaras](#)

### Height and width

9 metres tall by 5 metres wide

### Species origin

North America, with the cultivar originating from Princeton University

### Landscape use

- Available Soil Volume required:  $\geq 15\text{m}^3$
- Can be used in parks and to provide shade for areas such as schools and suburban shopping centres
- Suitable for home gardens

### Use considerations

- Suitable for the Canberra climate, however irrigation may be required in prolonged hot, dry summers
- High frost tolerance and moderate drought tolerance
- Will grow in most soils and will tolerate occasional flooding
- [Medium longevity](#)
- Fast growing
- Low flammability
- Shallow root system may cause future maintenance issues; may benefit from the use of a root control system
- Produces nectar which attracts bees

### Examples in Canberra

Not known in Canberra in public plantings

### Availability

Commercially available

