

Botanical Name: *Arbutus andrachne* (ARan)

New species

Common Name: Grecian strawberry tree

Species Description

- Evergreen
- Small rounded tree which is often multi-trunked
- Smooth cinnamon-coloured bark
- Shiny leaves
- White flowers in spring/summer
- Orange fruit/berries following flowers

Height and width

8 metres tall by 7 metres wide

Species origin

Originates from the Mediterranean region, particularly Greece and Turkey

Landscape use

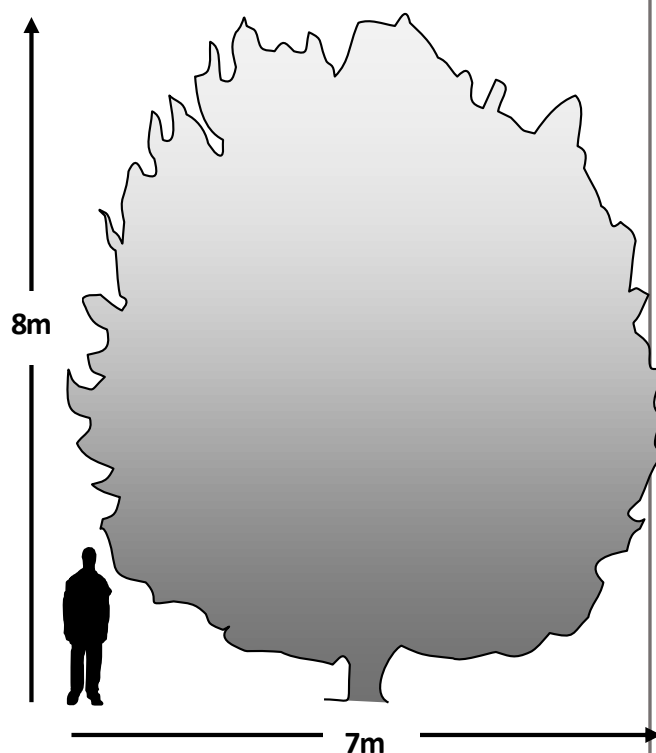
- Available Soil Volume required: $\geq 15\text{m}^3$
- Suitable for use as a street tree, in urban parks and open places and commercial centres
- Could be planted in conjunction with *Arbutus unedo* in parks
- Suitable for use in home gardens
- Should not be planted near nature reserves, creeks or watercourses

Use considerations

- Suited to all areas of the ACT
- High frost tolerance and moderate drought tolerance
- Suits most soils, including limestone soils
- [Long lived](#)
- Slow growing
- Low flammability
- Fruit drop may be a minor nuisance in pedestrian and paved areas
- Produces significant nectar and provides nesting space and fruit which attract bees, birds and other fauna
- Hybridises naturally with *Arbutus unedo* to form *Arbutus x andrachnoides*, which is possibly a superior form

Examples in Canberra

Not known in Canberra in public plantings



Availability

Not readily available, will require advance ordering