



# Design Standards for Urban Infrastructure

## Plant Species for Urban Landscape Projects in Canberra

**Botanical Name:** *Lagerstroemia fauriei* 'Kiowa' (LAK)

**New species**

**Common Name:** Kiowa crepe myrtle

### Species Description

- Deciduous
- Vase shaped, becoming rounded with age
- Cinnamon coloured bark peeling in strips
- Glossy green foliage, becoming orange to yellow in winter
- Large [panicles](#) of showy white flowers in autumn
- Insignificant capsules

### Height and width

8 metres tall by 8 metres wide

### Species origin

Japan, with the cultivar bred in the USA

### Landscape use

- Available Soil Volume required:  $\geq 30\text{m}^3$
- Can be used as a street tree on wide verges, in parks and in commercial shopping centres
- Suitable for use in home gardens

### Use considerations

- High frost and drought tolerance
- Suits most soils, but prefers well drained conditions
- [Medium longevity](#)
- Moderate growth rate
- Low flammability
- Highly resistant to powdery mildew
- Produces a small amount of nectar; attracts bees

### Examples in Canberra

Not known in Canberra in public plantings

### Availability

Commercially available

