



Design Standards for Urban Infrastructure

Plant Species for Urban Landscape Projects in Canberra

Botanical Name: *Prunus* 'Shirotae' syn. 'Mt Fuji' (Pst)

Common Name: Mt Fuji cherry

Species Description

- Deciduous
- Small vase-shaped tree with strong horizontal branching
- Grey bark with horizontal [lenticels](#)
- Mid green leaves with a finely serrate margin, turning bronzy-red and orange in autumn
- Single to semi-double snow-white flowers in drooping clusters along the length of the branches in spring
- Inconspicuous fruit

Height and width

5 metres tall by 5 metres wide

Species origin

Japan

Landscape use

- Available Soil Volume required: $\geq 15\text{m}^3$
- Can be used as a street tree, in commercial areas, urban parks and home gardens
- Should not be planted near nature reserves, creeks or watercourses

Use considerations

- Suitable for Canberra's climate
- High frost tolerance to minus 10 degrees Celsius and moderate drought tolerance
- Prefers well drained soils, however will grow in most soils except heavy clays
- Flowers best in full sun
- [Medium longevity](#)
- Fast growth rate
- Very low flammability
- Produces good nectar; attracts bees and birds
- Can have problems with pear and cherry slug
- May need additional irrigation during establishment and in dry periods

Examples in Canberra

70 to 76 Madigan Street, Hackett

Availability

Commercially available

