



# Design Standards for Urban Infrastructure

## Plant Species for Urban Landscape Projects in Canberra

**Botanical Name:** *Ulmus parvifolia* 'Yarralumla Clone' (Upy)

**Common Name:** Yarralumla Chinese elm

### Species Description

- Deciduous
- A broad weeping form of *Ulmus parvifolia*
- Attractive peeling bark
- Small glossy green leaves turning yellow in autumn
- Small flowers in autumn
- Fruit are small [samaras](#)

### Height and width

15 metres tall by 12 to 15 metres wide

### Species origin

China, Korea, Japan and North Vietnam; cultivar selected by Yarralumla Nursery in Canberra

### Landscape use

- Available Soil Volume required:  $\geq 70\text{m}^3$
- Suitable for street tree plantings on wide verges and formal plantings
- Suitable for use in urban parks
- Can be used in commercial shopping precincts
- Should not be planted near nature reserves, creeks or watercourses

### Use considerations

- Well suited to the Canberra climate
- High frost tolerance and moderate drought tolerance after establishment period
- Has grown well in a range of Canberra soils and locations
- Tolerant of urban conditions
- [Medium to long lived](#)
- Can have a slow establishment period
- Low flammability
- Formative pruning can be required to develop a single strong leader

### Examples in Canberra

Carrington Street, Deakin (on the ACT Tree Register) and Musgrave Street, Yarralumla

### Availability

Commercially available; Yarralumla Nursery

