## Species Description

**16m**

**12m**

* [Semi-evergreen](http://www.tams.act.gov.au/treeselector/glossary#_Toc338680258) in warmer climates
* Wide spreading tree
* Deeply fissured brownish-grey bark.
* Glossy dark green to grey/green leaves. Distinguished from *Quercus robur* by regular and less deeply lobed leaves.
* Later autumn colour and leaf shedding than other oaks
* Flowers are [catkins](http://www.tams.act.gov.au/treeselector/glossary#_Toc338680218) which appear in spring
* Plentiful acorns

## Height and width

16 metres tall by 12 metres wide

## Species origin

Morocco, Portugal and Galicia, Spain

## Landscape use

* Available Soil Volume required: ≥45m3
* Excellent shade tree
* Suitable for use as a street tree and in parks or open areas where solar access in winter is not an issue as it retains leaves to mid-winter

## Use considerations

* Has performed very well in Canberra
* High frost and drought tolerance
* Prefers well-drained deep fertile loams but grows in a range of soils across Canberra and withstands dry periods better than *Quercus robur*
* Grows best in full sun but tolerates shade when young
* [Long lived](http://www.tams.act.gov.au/treeselector/glossary#_Toc338680241)
* Slow growing but hardy and persistent
* Low flammability
* Acorn drop may be a nuisance in pedestrian areas
* Produces pollen

## Examples in Canberra

Forbes St, Turner and a group of trees in Booroondara Street, Reid on the ACT Tree Register

## Availability

Commercially available but highly variable; suitable stock will need to be specifically propagated from Canberra provenance