##  Species Description

**20m**

**12m**

* Deciduous
* Pyramidal shaped tree
* Bark is less ‘corky’ than the straight species
* Maple-like leaves with variable autumn foliage colours including burgundy-red, yellow and orange, holding foliage well into winter
* Flowers in spring followed by spiky ‘gumball’ fruit capsules, which can be a problem in high use areas

## Height and width

20 metres tall by 12 metres wide

## Species origin

Eastern North America, Central Mexico, Guatemala and
Honduras, with the cultivar reputedly introduced by
Hazelwood Nurseries in Sydney

## Landscape use

* Available Soil Volume required: ≥45m3
* Suitable for use as a street tree and in avenues, and in urban parks for shade

## Use considerations

* Suitable to the Canberra climate, and can withstand wind and pollution
* High frost tolerance to minus 10 degrees Celsius and moderate drought tolerance once established
* Hardy in a range of Canberra soils, however performs better on deep moist soils and not suitable for highly alkaline soils
* [Long lived](http://www.tams.act.gov.au/treeselector/glossary#_Toc338680241)
* Moderate growth rate and low flammability
* Relatively pest free, although some armoured scale may be seen in Canberra
* Formative pruning may be required to create one leader and canopy lifting may be needed near paths and roads
* Shallow, vigorous root system
* Produces nectar and pollen which attract bees

## Examples in Canberra

New plantings in Ballantyne Crescent, Kessing Street
and Ruth Bedford Street, Franklin

## Availability

Commercially available, but forward ordering may be required