## Species Description

**15-20m**

**12m**

* Deciduous
* Pyramidal shaped tree
* Corky grey-brown bark
* Star-shaped leaves with variable autumn foliage colours including burgundy-red, yellow and orange
* Flowers in spring followed by spiky ‘gumball’ fruit capsules, which may be a problem in high use areas

## Height and width

15 to 20 metres tall by 12 metres wide

## Species origin

Eastern North America through to temperate areas of Mexico, Guatemala and Honduras

## Landscape use

* Available Soil Volume required: ≥45m3
* Suitable for use as a street tree and in parks for summer shade and autumn foliage display

## Use considerations

* Suitable for Canberra’s 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 is not suitable for alkaline soils
* [Long lived](http://www.tams.act.gov.au/treeselector/glossary#_Toc338680241)
* Moderate growth rate
* Low flammability
* Relatively pest free but can be affected by armoured scale
* Formative pruning may be required to create a single leader and canopy lifting may be needed near paths and roads
* Will coppice under some circumstances and has a shallow, vigorous root system
* Produces nectar and pollen which attract bees

## Examples in Canberra

Franklin and Bougainville Streets, Manuka and Knibbs Street, Turner

## Availability

Commercially available