##  Species Description

**18m**

**8m**

* Deciduous
* Medium to large tree with a spreading head of branches
* Flaking bark with mottled appearance typical of other *Platanus* species
* [Alternate](http://www.tams.act.gov.au/treeselector/glossary#_Toc338680213) medium to dark green maple-like foliage, similar in appearance to that of *Platanus x acerifolia*
* Inconspicuous flowers in spring
* Round burr-like fruit borne in clusters

## Height and width

18 metres tall by 8 metres wide

## Species origin

Mediterranean region, south-east Europe and west Asia

## Landscape use

* Available Soil Volume required: ≥70m3
* Suitable for use as a street tree
* Excellent shade tree in urban parks where appropriate space is available

## Use considerations

* Reasonable growth across Canberra
* High frost and drought tolerance
* Has performed well in a variety of Canberra soils
* [Long lived](http://www.tams.act.gov.au/treeselector/glossary#_Toc338680241)
* Moderate growth rate
* Low flammability
* Significantly lower susceptibility to Anthracnose than other *Platanus* species
* Requires high maintenance if coppiced
* Leaf and fruit litter can cause problems in high-traffic areas
* Strong and extensive root system which can benefit from a root barrier to prevent surface roots in shallow soils
* Produces significant nectar and significant pollen which attract bees

## Examples in Canberra

In the centre median of Macfarlane Burnet Avenue, Macgregor

## Availability

Commercially available, however not as widely available as other plane trees