



# Design Standards for Urban Infrastructure

## Plant Species for Urban Landscape Projects in Canberra

**Botanical Name:** *Toona sinensis* (TOs)

**Common Name:** Chinese cedar, Chinese mahogany

### Species Description

- Deciduous
- Narrow, upright tree
- Brown bark, becoming scaly to shaggy on old trees
- Compound foliage which is pink in spring and yellow in autumn
- Small white flowers held in panicles in summer
- Fruit is a 2 to 3.5 centimetre long capsule

### Height and width

15 metres tall by 6 metres wide

### Species origin

Northern and western China

### Landscape use

- Available Soil Volume required:  $\geq 15\text{m}^3$
- Suitable for planting in parks, urban centres and home gardens
- Good in locations where narrow form and striking spring foliage is required
- Will grow well on the cool damp side of buildings and in confined spaces
- Should not be planted near nature reserves, creeks or watercourses

### Use considerations

- Performs reasonably well in the Canberra region
- High frost tolerance and moderate drought tolerance
- Prefers a good soil such as a moist clay loam
- [Medium longevity](#)
- Fast growing
- Very low flammability
- Not commonly known to be affected by pests or diseases
- Will stand severe pruning and can be cut back to 1 to 2 metres if poor form develops
- Can sucker profusely in some settings
- Attracts insects

### Examples in Canberra

The old CIT Arboretum, Weston and the National Arboretum Canberra

### Availability

Commercially available

