

# Design Standards for Urban Infrastructure

## Plant Species for Urban Landscape Projects in Canberra

**Botanical Name:** *Gleditsia triacanthos* 'Shademaster' (GLsh)

**Common Name:** Shademaster Honey Locust

### Species description

- Deciduous
- Ovate to rounded form with graceful ascending branches
- Dark grey thornless bark
- Dark green pinnately [compound foliage](#) with quite large leaflets, turning yellow in autumn
- Inconspicuous flowers
- Produces brown legume-like pods in some seasons

### Height and width

11 metres tall by 8 metres wide

### Species origin

Southern USA

### Landscape use

- Useful as a shade tree in streets, parks and commercial shopping areas
- Suitable for urban areas as it is thornless and almost fruitless
- Requires a minimum clearance of 5 metres from buildings

### Use considerations

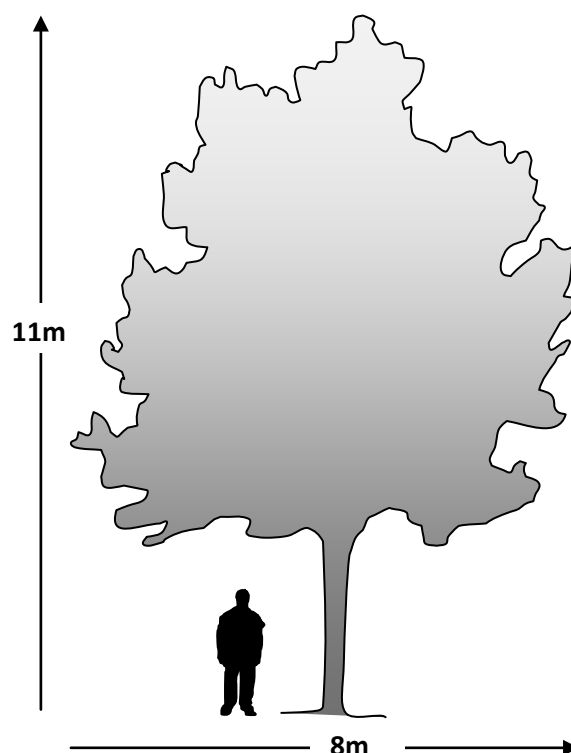
- Suitable for Canberra's climate
- Good frost tolerance and high drought tolerance
- Grows in all soil types from heavy clays to limestone
- [Medium longevity](#)
- Moderate to fast growth rate
- Very low flammability
- Grows best in full sun
- Various cultivars of the thornless form have been declared as weeds in parts of Australia
- Can sucker when its roots are disturbed

### Examples in Canberra

ActewAGL House, London Circuit

### Availability

Commercially available



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