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Street Trees for Under Powerlines

Striking a balance between community expectations around fire prevention and encouraging increased canopy cover along streets is tricky. What should you consider? And what selections are available?

Brachychiton populneus x acerifolius 'Bella Pink'

BELLA PINK BRACHYCHITON TREE

Grows 8m x 7m. A new grafted selection. Small to medium-sized tree, grafted for compactness. Great for urban situations including streetscapes. Makes a reliable shade tree.

Brachychiton populneus x acerifolius 'Jerilderie Red'

JERILDERIE RED BRACHYCHITON TREE

Grows 8m x 7m. A new grafted selection with a bloated trunk and stunning flowers in summer. This is another tree that would make a good street tree and distinctive signature statement. It is a reliable selection for shade.

Callistemon citrinus 'Kings Park Special'

KINGS PARK BOTTLEBRUSH TREE

Grows 4m x 2m. This native small tree is very hardy and adaptable to a wide range of locations and soils. A highly versatile tree for many situations with distinctive red bottle brush flowers, it is generally trouble-free.

Corymbia citriodora 'Scentuous' (syn. 'Dwarf Pink')

'SCENTUOUS' DWARF LEMON-SCENTED GUM TREE

Grows 7m x 3m. This fantastic selection has fine leaves, grows to 7 metres in 20 years, remains fully ‘dressed’ with little to no limb drop and has the most magnificent salmon-pink bark. Grafted onto C. maculata this tree will appeal for street tree and general amenity plantings.

Eucalyptus torquata

CORAL GUM TREE

Grows 6m x 3m. This is a compact growing, spreading tree to 3 metres. A nice selection for streetscapes and performs best in full sun. Easy to prune and maintain.

Lophostemon confertus 'ST2'

COMPACT QUEENSLAND BRUSH BOX (TREE)

Grows 8m x 4m approx. This is our selection and new to the range. It has a more dense and upright habit compared to straight Lophostemon confertus. It is not overly tall but has an impressive structure perfect for streetscapes.

Tristaniopsis laurina 'DOW10' Luscious ®

LUSCIOUS KANOOKA GUM TREE, WATER GUM TREE

Grows 7m x 3m. This is a small, tough tree with glossy foliage. Tristaniopsis has been used extensively in Melbourne as a street tree. However, this newer variety with its smaller, more compact form is far more suitable for under power lines. We have found it requires a little effort to establish but it copes with pruning well and provides excellent specimen when mature.

Lagerstroemia indica x fauriei 'Sioux'

CREPE MYRTLE TREE (MUSK PINK)

All Lagerstroemia Selections apply. Trees grow between 3-8m x 3-4m depending on variety. All varieties perform well with minimal maintenance and respond well to regular pruning. They cope well with a variety of soil types. There are a number of varieties to choose from based on flower colour. We prefer Sioux, Natchez or Zuni as they are more compact trees.

Malus ioensis 'Plena'

BETCHEL'S CRAB APPLE TREE

Grows 6m x 4m. In the same vein as Lagerstroemia but with more a weeping habit, this deciduous ornamental offers flower and form to 6m which makes it a fabulous small feature tree in streetscapes where height and space is limited.

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