# Canopy Tree Guide

## Clause 55 Standard B2-7 Reference

This guide has been developed to provide a consistent and transparent approach to calculating canopy cover under the Victorian State Government's new Clause 55 Standard B2-7 for Tree Canopy. Its purpose is to ensure fairness in planning assessments by standardising the expected mature dimensions of commonly used tree species. By reducing ambiguity and avoiding unrealistic expectations under prevailing site conditions within our municipality[1], this guide helps to achieve meaningful greening outcomes.

*This document is maintained as a **live resource** and will be updated monthly until the list is deemed comprehensive. It does not represent a complete list of accepted tree species. Council welcomes and encourages applicants to propose unlisted species for review.*

**Legend:** I = Indigenous to Frankston City Council municipality, N = Native to Australia, E = Exotic (Not native)

| Origin | Botanical Name | Common Name | Mature Height (m) | Mature Width (m) |
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| N | *Acacia baileyana* | Cootamundra Wattle | Noxious weed in Frankston | |
| N | *Acacia cognata* | River Wattle Tree | 6 | 6 |
| I | *Acacia dealbata* | Silver Wattle | 6 | 4 |
| I | *Acacia implexa* | Lightwood Wattle | 7 | 5 |
| I | *Acacia mearnsii* | Black Wattle | 8 | 5 |
| N | *Acacia saligna* | Golden Wreath Wattle | Environmental weed in Victoria | |

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| I | *Acacia melanoxylon* | Blackwood | 12 | 6 |
| E | *Acer buergerianum* | Trident Maple | 6 | 6 |
| E | *Acer palmatum* 'Senkaki' | Japanese Maple (Senkaki) | 6 | 4 |
| E | *Acer rubrum* 'Bowhall' | Red Maple (Bowhall) | 10 | 5 |
| E | *Acer rubrum* 'October Glory' | Red Maple (October Glory) | 12 | 9 |
| E | *Acer truncatum x A. platanoides* | Norwegian Sunset Maple | 12 | 6 |
| E | *Acer freemanii* | Maple | 10 | 4 |
| E | *Acer freemanii* 'Jeffers Red' | Jeffers Red Maple | 13 | 10 |
| E | *Agathis australis* | Kauri | 20 | 10 |
| N | *Agonis flexuosa* | Willow Myrtle | 10 | 6 |
| N | *Agonis flexuosa* ‘Burgundy’ | Willow Myrtle (Burgundy) | 6 | 4 |
| N | *Agonis flexuosa* 'Lemon & Lime' | Willow Myrtle (Lemon & Lime) | 8 | 8 |
| I | *Allocasuarina littoralis* | Black She-Oak | 8 | 4 |
| I | *Allocasuarina verticillata* | Drooping She-Oak | 8 | 6 |
| N | *Angophora costata* | Smooth-Barked Apple | 12 | 12 |
| N | *Angophora costata* ‘Boronia’ | Dwarf Smooth-Barked Apple | 8 | 8 |

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| N | *Angophora hispida* | Dwarf Apple Myrtle | 7 | 5 |
| I | *Banksia integrifolia* | Coastal Banksia | 8 | 5 |
| I | *Banksia marginata* | Silver Banksia | Too small – not a canopy tree | |
| E | *Betula pendula* | Silver Birch | 8 | 4 |
| E | *Betula pendula fastigiata* | Upright Silver Birch | 8 | 4 |
| N | *Brachychiton populneus x acerifolius* | Kurrajong Hybrid | 6 | 4 |
| N | *Brachychiton populneus x acerifolius* 'Jerilderie Red' | Jerilderie Red Kurrajong | 10 | 6 |
| N | *Corymbia citriodora 'Scentuous'* | Dwarf Lemon Scented Gum | 7 | 4 |
| N | *Corymbia citriodora* | Lemon Scented Gum | 12 | 12 |
| N | *Corymbia eximia* | Dwarf Yellow Bloodwood | 15 | 9 |
| N | *Corymbia eximia* ‘Nana’ | Dwarf Yellow Bloodwood | 10 | 6 |
| N | *Corymbia ficifolia* | Flowering Gum | 8 | 6 |
| N | *Corymbia maculata* 'Lowanna' | Spotted Gum Lowanna | 10 | 7 |
| N | *Cupaniopsis anacardioides* | Tuckeroo | 7 | 5 |
| N | *Eucalyptus caesia* | Silver Princess | 8 | 4 |
| I | *Eucalyptus camaldulensis* | River Red Gum | 30 | 20 |

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| I | *Eucalyptus cephalocarpa* | Mealy Stringy Bark | 10 | 8 |
| N | *Eucalyptus forrestiana* | Fuschia Gum Tree | 6 | 4 |
| I | *Eucalyptus leucoxylon* | Yellow Gum | 12 | 7 |
| N | *Eucalyptus leucoxylon* 'Rosea' | Red Flowering Yellow Gum | 12 | 7 |
| N | *Eucalyptus macrandra* | Long-Flowered Marlock | 6 | 6 |
| N | *Eucalyptus melliodora* | Yellow Box | 12 | 7 |
| I | *Eucalyptus ovata* | Swamp Gum | 10 | 6 |
| I | *Eucalyptus pauciflora* | Snow Gum | 10 | 6 |
| N | *Eucalyptus pauciflora 'Little Snowman'* | Little Snowman Snow Gusm | 7 | 4 |
| N | *Eucalyptus pleurocarpa* | White-Leaved Marlock | 5 | 6 |
| I | *Eucalyptus radiata* | Narrow-Leafed Peppermint | 12 | 8 |
| N | *Eucalyptus torquata* | Coral Gum | 6 | 4 |
| N | *Eucalyptus torquata x E. woodwardii* | Torwood | 8 | 4 |
| N | *Eucalyptus viminalis subsp. viminalis* | Manna Gum | 15 | 15 |
| I | *Eucalyptus viminalis subsp. pryoriana* | Gippsland Manna Gum | 10 | 6 |
| I | *Exocarpos cupressiformis* | Cherry Ballart | Not commercially available | |

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| N | *Ficus rubiginosa* | Port Jackson Fig | 10 | 10 |
| N | *Gleditsia triacanthos* ‘Sunburst’ | Golden Honeylocust (Sunburst) | 8 | 8 |
| N | *Grevillea robusta* | Silky Oak | 10 | 6 |
| N | *Hakea salicifolia* | Willow-leaf Hakea | Noxious weed in Frankston | |
| N | *Hymenosporum flavum* | Australian Frangipani | 8 | 4 |
| N | *Jacaranda mimosifolia* | Jacaranda | 8 | 6 |
| E | *Lagerstroemia indica x fauriei* 'Acoma’ | Crepe Myrtle (Acoma) | Too small – not a canopy tree | |
| E | *Lagerstroemia indica x fauriei* 'Biloxi' | Crepe Myrtle (Biloxi) | 6 | 4 |
| E | *Lagerstroemia indica x fauriei* 'Natchez' | Crepe Myrtle (Natchez) | 6 | 4 |
| E | *Lagerstroemia indica x fauriei* ‘Tuscarora’ | Crepe Myrtle (Tuscarora) | 6 | 4 |
| I | *Leptospermum laevigatum* | Coastal Tea Tree | Too small – not a canopy tree | |
| E | *Magnolia grandiflora* ‘Exmouth’ | Exmouth Magnolia | 12 | 6 |
| E | *Malus ioensis* | Prairie Crab Apple | 6 | 5 |
| E | *Malus tschonoskii* | Crab Apple | 7 | 4 |
| I | *Melaleuca lanceolata* | Moonah | 7 | 7 |
| N | *Melaleuca linariifolia* | Snow-In-Summer | 6 | 4 |

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| I | *Melaleuca squarrosa* | Scented Paperbark | Too small – not a canopy tree | |
| N | *Melia azedarach* | Chinaberry Tree | 10 | 8 |
| E | *Olea europea* 'Tolley's Upright' | European Olive (Tolley's Upright) | 7 | 4 |
| E | *Pistacia chinensis* | Chinese Pistachio | 8 | 6 |
| E | *Pyrus betulaefolia* 'Southworth Dancer' | Birch-Leaved Pear (Southworth Dancer) | 7 | 5 |
| E | *Pyrus calleryana* 'Aristocrat' | Ornamental Pear (Aristocrat) | 10 | 7 |
| E | *Pyrus calleryana* 'Capital' | Ornamental Pear (Capital) | 11 | 4 |
| E | *Pyrus calleryana* 'Red Spire' | Ornamental Pear (Red Spire) | 12 | 8 |
| E | *Pyrus calleryana x P. betulaefolia* 'Edgell' | Ornamental Pear (Edgell) | 8 | 6 |
| E | *Pyrus ussuriensis* | Manchurian Pear | 9 | 7 |
| N | *Tristaniopsis laurina* | Kanooka | 6 | 4 |
| N | *Tristaniopsis laurina* 'Luscious' | Luscious Water Gum | 8 | 4 |
| E | *Ulmus parvifolia* 'Burnley Select' | Chinese Elm | 9 | 7 |
| N | *Waterhousea floribunda* | Weeping Lilly Pilly | 10 | 8 |
| N | *Waterhousea floribunda* 'Whisper' | Weeping Lilly Pilly (Whisper) | 8 | 5 |

[1] Council's estimate for mature tree height and canopy width are based on local growing conditions and relevant geological factors, including climate and soil type. The estimates also account for cultural and practical constraints that influence growth and performance in multi-dwelling urban environments, such as hostile growing conditions (e.g., heat stress, soil compaction, and limited water availability). For deep soil area and minimum plan dimension requirements, refer to Clause 55 Standard B2-7 of the Victorian Planning Scheme.

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