

Botanical Name: Eucalyptus microtheca

Common Name: Coolibah, Blue coolibah

Type of Plant: dicot: tree Family Myrtaceae

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape Irregular, upright shrubby tree, often multi-trunked; often rugged and sprawling

Height 18-60' Spread 20-30' Growth Rate rapid

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun preferred

Soil tolerates alkaline soils well; most any soil

Hardiness hardy (zones 8-24)

Morphology:

Leaves alternate, narrowly lanceolate; 2-1/2" - 8" long, 1/2 - 1-1/2" wide; acuminate apex and acute base; slightly glabrous, thick and leathery

Flowers insignificant creamy white, fragrant flowers without petals appear from July to mid November

Fruit woody, bell-shaped capsule, strongly ridged, 1/2" diameter

Propagation: seed

Usage: accent tree for rustic landscapes, valued for graceful form (with pruning) and for its smooth white bark; good for trail plantings, street or median tree, also attractive in hillside groves and parks

Landscape Care:

Watering tolerates long periods of drought but must receive intermittent water for growth and development; tolerates lawn watering and saline irrigation

Fertilizing none after established

Pruning develop primary scaffold structure when young

Pests/Diseases relatively pest free

Other tolerates wind; widely used in Arizona

Origin: Australia