

Coolibah *Eucalyptus victrix*



NATIVE PLANT NOTES

Description

This iconic small ornamental tree which grows to about 7 m in cultivation has a very attractive smooth white trunk and blue-green (glaucous) leaves, that are covered with a white, waxy bloom. It is usually grown for its attractive white trunk and irregular form, which gives it character.

Flowers

The cream flowers are not really a visual feature of this species as they are relatively small, appearing in the summer months. The nectar attracts insects and birds and the sweet scent of the flowers will fill the garden.

Growing conditions

Eucalyptus victrix is suited to most soil types but it is important that the site is free-draining and in full sun. It is best planted in the autumn and winter months.

Watering

Water well at the time of planting and monitor the soil moisture during the first winter and spring. Ensure the tree has a deep watering twice a week in the first summer and into the following autumn until rains return. Once established it should only require supplementary watering during extended dry periods.

Pruning

This tree does not usually require pruning but may be pruned lightly after flowering to maintain the desired shape and form.

Fertiliser

Apply slow-release native-blend 8–9 month fertiliser at time of planting and annually as required in the spring months.

Pests and diseases

This species is sometimes affected by scale.

Miscellaneous

The bush ballad *Waltzing Matilda* has made the Coolibah an iconic Australian tree.

Plant the Western Coolibah as a specimen tree or in groups.



Further Information

Gardening Advisory Service, a free service provided by Kings Park Volunteer Master Gardeners.
Phone: (08) 9480 3672 or Email: garden.advice@bgpa.wa.gov.au.

Pest and Diseases Information Service, Department of Agriculture and Food.
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