Why we love it…

The coolibah tree originally came from Australia, but it’s definitely no stranger to the landscapes of Arizona. With a beautiful canopy of grey-green foliage that casts dense, cooling shade and a superior tolerance of high heat and drought, coolibah is an ever-popular choice for streetscapes and parking lots in many hot, arid regions. However, this evergreen tree can tolerate much more than just high heat and drought! The coolibah is extremely tolerant of other adverse growing conditions that are common in Arizona such as; high soil pH, high clay content (or heavy soil), soil salinity, waterlogging, fungus, and high winds.

Though many eucalyptus trees are noted for their multi-colored bark that sheds readily, coolibah has furrowed, grey bark that clings to the trunk throughout the life of the tree. In the summertime, this fast-growing tree sports clusters of pale yellow to creamy white flowers that develop into the small seed capsules that its botanical name is derived from (microtheca means “little cap” in Latin).

Lydia says: Coolibah trees are known to have a naturally irregular form, so proper staking is often recommended for up to one year after installation.

**Evergreen Tree:**
**Eucalyptus microtheca**

- **Size (H x W):** 20-30 feet x 20-25 feet
- **Blooms:** Creamy white to pale yellow in summer
- **Exposure:** Full sun to part shade
- **Hardiness Zone:** 5°F, USDA Zone 7
- **Water:** Low to moderate
- **Pruning:** August
- **Growth Rate:** Moderate to fast