

Coolibah Swamp

Scientific Name:

Eucalyptus coolabah &
E. intertexta

Common Name:

Coolibah &
Bastard Coolibah

Register Number:

13

Location of Tree:

Coolibah Swamp, Stott Terrace,
Alice Springs NT

GPS:

-23.69852, 133.8923

Categories of Significance:

Aesthetic

Age

Cultural

Group

Number of Trees:

100+

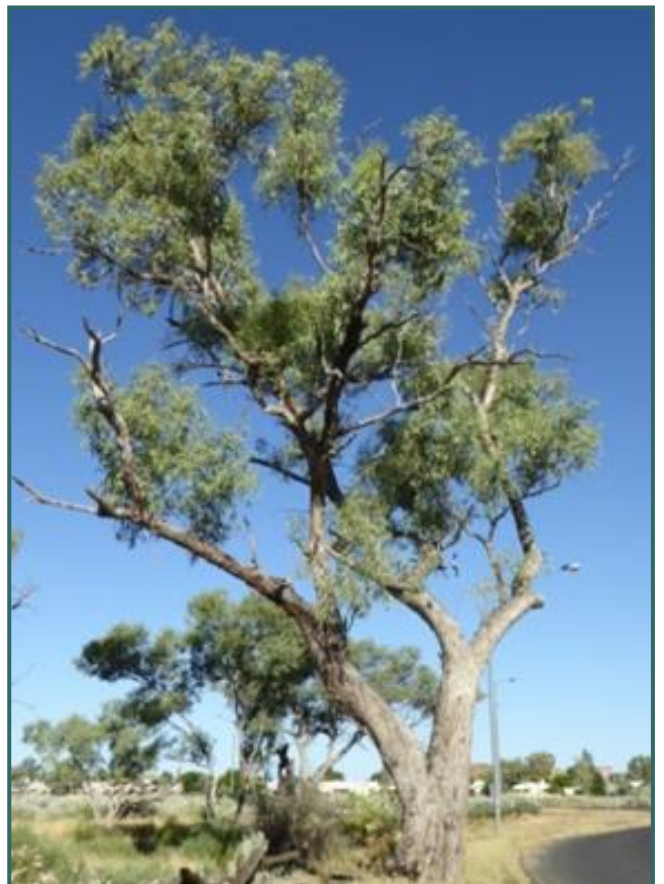
Year Listed:

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The Coolibah Swamp, known as *Ankerre Ankerre*, is a culturally significant place for the Central *Arernte* people. The story of this area is that the travelling caterpillars (*Yeperenye*) came to *Ankerre Ankerre* to meet up and had large celebrations with lots of dancing. Today the caterpillars dance frozen in time in the form of the twisted Coolibah.

The area is also a vital water catchment area and has been described by Jodie Clarkson, the coordinator of the *Ankerre Ankerre* Landcare group, as 'the kidneys of Alice Springs', as the swamp filters the water coming off the landscape. Through urban development, altered water flow and the construction of a major road through the site, the area has suffered considerable amounts of degradation. Buffel Grass, Couch Grass and Old Man Saltbush put a strain on the swamp. The consistent work from Landcare volunteers over the last 15 years has helped to restore this inland wetland.



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