

Botanical Name: Eriobotrya deflexa

Common Name: Bronze Loquat

Type of Plant: dicot: tree/shrub Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape an upright, mostly multi-trunked tree, with low, dense branching pattern forming a rounded or flat-topped canopy; very shrubby if left unpruned

Height 10-20' (25') Spread equal or more Growth Rate rapid

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full or partial sun

Soil tolerates most; prefers well-draining loam

Hardiness some frost (zones 8-24); thrives in warm, sunny locations

Morphology:

Leaves pinnate, alternate, elliptic-oval; serrate-dentate, 4-10" long; young foliage is copper red; leaves are shinier than Eriobotria japonica

Flowers white, in 5-10" long terminal panicles; spring

Fruit usually none; if present, an oval yellow drupe 3/4-1" long

Propagation: semihardwood cuttings, or grafting onto seedlings

Usage: a small accent tree, valued for its large, attractive foliage and wide-spreading form; espaliers, container plant; informal hedges

Landscape Care:

Watering regular (not very drought-tolerant); can tolerate lawn watering if drainage is good

Fertilizing balanced, in spring; add iron to correct chlorosis

Pruning to shape desired; as a tree, needs frequent thinning

Pests/Diseases bacterial fireblight

Special Conditions

Origin: China Family: Rosaceae