

Botanical Name: Eriobotrya japonica (Photinia japonica)

Common Name: Loquat

Type of Plant: dicot: tree Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape an erect, usually single-trunked plant with a dense rounded canopy; the plant may become somewhat umbrella-shaped with age

Height 10-20 (30') Spread 2/3 to equal Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full or partial sun; can survive in shaded locations

Soil prefers well-draining loam; can tolerate rather dry adobe

Hardiness hardy (zones 12-24); thrives in warm, sunny areas

Morphology:

Leaves pinnate, alternate (somewhat clustered at ends of branches)  
obovate-elliptic; 6-10" (12") long, glossy dark green above, rusty beneath;

Flowers white, fragrant, 1/2-3/4" diameter, in rusty-fuzzy 6-12"  
long panicles, borne mostly at ends of branches; fall-winter

Fruit a pome: yellow, oval, 1 to 1 1/2" long, with 1-4 seeds

Propagation: seed

Usage: an excellent small accent tree, valued for its large glossy  
leaves, fragrant flowers, and edible fruit; can be espaliered or used as a tub  
plant; suitable for tropical, oriental or informal theme landscapes

Landscape Care:

Watering prefers regular, but is fairly drought-tolerant after  
established; can tolerate heavy watering if drainage is excellent

Fertilizing balanced, in spring; check for chlorosis

Pruning to shape desired; very little is needed, clean out deadwood

Pests/Diseases bacterial fireblight

Special Conditions

Origin: China/Japan Family: Rosaceae