

Eriobotrya deflexa

(Bronze Loquat)

Bronze Loquat is a small, evergreen tree, whose large leaves are a bright bronze colour when young, eventually turning to dark green. It produces small, white, and fragrant flowers in spring. It has a shrubby form but can be trained into a small tree form. If branches are not pruned, they will droop under the weight. It does best in full sun and alkaline soil. It can tolerate partial shade, and it can grow in clay soils as long as there is sufficient drainage. It should be well-watered when established, but can endure drought afterwards. Overfertilization increases sensitivity fireblight, which is a common problem in the species.

Landscape Information

French Name: Néflier du Japon ou Bibacier

Arabic Name: بشملة منحنية

Pronunciation: air-ee-oh-BOT-ree-uh dee-FLECK-suh

Plant Type: Tree

Origin: Taiwan

Heat Zones: 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15

Hardiness Zones: 10, 11, 12, 13

Uses: Screen, Hedge, Espalier, Specimen, Container, Wildlife, Street

Size/Shape

Growth Rate: Moderate

Tree Shape: Round, Vase

Canopy Symmetry: Symmetrical

Canopy Density: Dense

Canopy Texture: Coarse

Height at Maturity: 3 to 5 m

Spread at Maturity: 3 to 5 meters

Time to Ultimate Height: 10 to 20 Years



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Plant Image

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Flower Image

Botanical Description

Foliage

Leaf Arrangement: Alternate

Leaf Venation: Pinnate

Leaf Persistence: Evergreen

Leaf Type: Simple

Leaf Blade: 20 - 30

Leaf Shape: Oblong

Leaf Margins: Dentate, Serrate

Leaf Scent:

Color(growing season): Green, Red

Color(changing season): Green, Red

Flower

Flower Showiness: True

Flower Type: Panicle

Flower Scent: Pleasant

Flower Color: White

Seasons: Spring

Trunk

Trunk Susceptibility to Breakage: Generally resists breakage

Number of Trunks: Single Trunk

Trunk Esthetic Values: Not Showy

Fruit

Fruit Type: Fleshy

Fruit Showiness: False

Fruit Size Range: 0 - 1.5

Fruit Colors: Yellow, Orange

Seasons: Spring

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Leaf Image

Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Frost Tolerant: No

Heat Tolerant: Yes

Drought Tolerant: Yes

Salt Tolerance: Good

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Clay, Loam, Sand

Soil Ph Requirements: Acidic, Neutral, Alkaline

Water Requirements: Moderate

Light Requirements: Full, Part

Management

Toxity: No

Invasive Potential: No

Susceptibility to Pests and Diseases: Yes

Pruning Requirement: Needed, to develop a strong structure

Fruit/ Leaves/ Flowers litter: No

Surface Rooting: No

Life Span: More than 50

Diseases: Blights, Root rot

Edible Parts: None

Plant Propagations: Seed

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