

Eriobotrya japonica

(Loquat)

Loquat is a small short trunked tree. It has long evergreen leaf, hairy on the bottom and an attractive fragrant flower blooming during Mediterranean winter. Early spring the edible fruits are ready to be picked. The tree can be planted from the sea level up to 700 m altitude. Loquat does well in moist, well-drained soils in full sun to partial shade.



Plant Image

Landscape Information

French Name: Néflier du Japon ou bibacier

Arabic Name: بشملة يابانية

Pronunciation: air-ee-oh-BOT-ree-uh juh-PAWN-ih-kuh

Plant Type: Tree

Origin: China, Japan

Heat Zones: 8, 9, 10, 11

Hardiness Zones: 8, 9, 10, 11, 12

Uses: Screen, Espalier, Specimen, Container, Edible, Street, Pollution Tolerant / Urban

Size/Shape

Growth Rate: Moderate

Tree Shape:

Canopy Symmetry: Symmetrical

Canopy Density: Dense

Canopy Texture: Coarse

Height at Maturity: 5 to 8 m

Spread at Maturity: 5 to 8 meters

Time to Ultimate Height: 10 to 20 Years

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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: Pectinate, Serrate

Leaf Textures: Hairy, Rough, Glossy

Leaf Scent: No Fragrance

Color(growing season): Green

Color(changing season): Green

Flower

Flower Showiness: True

Flower Size Range: 1.5 - 3

Flower Type: Panicle

Flower Sexuality: Monoecious (Bisexual)

Flower Scent: Pleasant

Flower Color: Yellow, White

Seasons: Winter

Trunk

Trunk Susceptibility to Breakage: Generally resists breakage

Number of Trunks: Single Trunk

Trunk Esthetic Values: Not Showy, Smooth

Fruit

Fruit Type: Drupe

Fruit Showiness: True

Fruit Size Range: 1.5 - 3

Fruit Colors: Yellow

Seasons: Winter

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Leaf Image

Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Frost Tolerant: Yes

Heat Tolerant: Yes

Drought Tolerant: Yes

Salt Tolerance: Good

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Clay, Loam, Sand

Soil Ph Requirements: Neutral, Alkaline

Water Requirements: Low

Light Requirements: Full

Management

Toxity: No

Invasive Potential: No

Susceptibility to Pests and Diseases: Yes

Pruning Requirement: Little needed, to develop a strong structure

Fruit/ Leaves/ Flowers litter: Yes

Surface Rooting: No

Life Span: 25-50 years

Diseases: Blights

Edible Parts: Fruit

Pests: Caterpillars, Scales, Aphids, Flies

Plant Propagations: Seed, Cutting, Grafting

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