



Flowering Trees

Eriobotrya japonica (Thunb.) Lindley (Loquat Tree) of Rosaceae is a medium size evergreen tree with a shapely, often rounded crown, short trunk and simple, dark-green, tough, leathery leaves. Tender shoots and the under surface of leaves are covered with dense brown velvety hairs. Flowers are borne on stiff bunches terminally on short shoots. They are 2-3 cm across, white, sweet-scented with light-brown hairy sepals and many stamens. Loquat fruits are round or pear-shaped, 3-5 cm long and are edible.

A native of China, Loquat tree is grown in parks as an ornamental and also for its fruits.