

Eriobotrya japonica

Loquat

Eriobotrya japonica
(Thunb.) Lindl.

Family: Rosaceae

Description: Small tree, 20 ft tall, evergreen, drought tolerant. Leaves at the end of branches, 10 inches long, thick, glossy above, rusty, hairy beneath, margins toothed, short petioles. Flowers in rusty clusters in the fall, petals white, 0.5 inch diameter, fragrant, at branch ends. Fruit round, wooly, yellow, 1.5 inches long, edible, in winter and summer. *Eriobotrya*, woolly clusters for the fruit clusters; *japonica*, of Japan^(59, 69, 70).

Distribution: Native to China, planted as ornamental in Hawai'i. Naturalized in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park^(59, 70).



Environmental impact: May have potential for invading native rain forests.

Management: Katie Cassel (Kōke'e Museum) reported application of 20% triclopyr ester product in diesel to cut surfaces effective. The same solution applied basal bark is also effective.