

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowers and flower buds. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Bruce Ridge, Canberra, ACT



Fruit and leaves. Photographer SD Lund, Greece



Flowering branches. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Bruce Ridge, Canberra, ACT



Tree. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Bruce Ridge, Canberra, ACT

Common name

Loquat

Family

Rosaceae

Where found

Dry **forest**, urban bushland, roadsides, and along streams. Mainly Sydney area.. Occasionally elsewhere.

Notes

Introduced tree to about 10 m high. Fruit juicy, edible. Branchlets densely rusty-hairy. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 10–30 cm long, 30–90 mm wide, leathery, glossy above, rusty-hairy below, margins **entire** near the leaf bases, coarsely toothed otherwise. Flowers fragrant, white, about 10 mm in diameter, with 5 **petals**. Flowers in dense, many-flowered branched clusters to about 20 cm long. Flowers winter–spring. Fruit yellow or orange-yellow, round to oval, 3–4 cm long.

Family was Malaceae.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Eriobotrya-japonica> (accessed 14 January, 2021)

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