



Eriobotrya – Loquat Tree Care Details

■ The best time to plant outside is spring/early summer to give the plant time to establish itself before the winter.

■ Using a slow or controlled release fertilizer when planting will ensure that your plant is correctly fed and will grow at an optimum rate remembering to re-pot as necessary. John Innes or general multi-purpose compost will usually have sufficient food for the first 4-6 weeks, if no food is added.

■ Eriobotrya or Loquat tree are suitable for most Southerly places in the UK or anywhere in the west that has milder winters. Loquats survive most winters unscathed by frosts (hardy to -9°C) but do not plant in a very exposed windy site. If you live in a frost prone area, these are best grown south facing in shelter, otherwise they may be damaged by frosts. In late spring frosts, the new growth may be knocked back but the plants will re-grow.

■ Eriobotrya are easy to grow, evergreen trees and may occasionally produce edible fruit outside in the UK after a long, dry summer. They can also be grown indoors in a well-lit room, however will need regular pruning to contain the size. Keeping in a smaller pot will also restrict the total height of the plant. Loquat like well-drained soil in full-sun or part-shade and plenty of water when young.

■ They can be pruned or trained in the same way as fruit trees or left to grow into a small to medium sized tree.

■ Please have a look at www.easytropicals.com for companion ideas & a general hardiness guide. If you have any questions please email for a prompt reply.

Many thanks for looking.