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BOTANICAL NAME

Eriobotrya japonica (Thunb.) Lindl.

COMMON NAME

Loquat Tree

FAMILY

Rosaceae



DISTRIBUTION

India, China, Japan and Taiwan

FUN FACT

In China, tradition has it that Loquats help Koi fish on their journey to become dragons "The gate of the Loquats" is a phrase often used to refer to brothels due to their aromatic and alluring scent.

COMMON USES

1. Juices or smoothies of Loquat are widely preferred. In South American countries, batidos are also made from Loquats.
2. Loquats are said to be a natural sweetener which enhance the taste of many sweet dishes.
3. The acidity goes well with the sweetness thus Loquats are popular for making pies, pastries sauces and juices.
4. Fruits of Loquats are often eaten fresh but the seed must be removed due to its poisonous nature
5. Due to its aromatic and pleasant scent of flowers, it is often used in the preparation of perfumes.

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