



Eriobotrya japonica

Common Name(s):

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Current Threat Status (2009):

Exotic

Habitat:

Terrestrial.

Features:

Tree up to 8m high when mature; trunk well developed; primary stems erect; secondary stems spreading; young stems stout, white-tomentose; older stems with prominent leaf scars, becoming greyish-brown and transversely calloused. Leaves near branch tips; petiole about 15mm long, stout; blade oblanceolate to narrowly elliptic, 150~350 x 75~100mm, acute, tapering to cuneate or slightly auriculate base, very coriaceous, generally rugose, dark green and glossy above, thinly grey- or brown-tomentose below (very young leaves completely brown-tomentose), serrate at least in upper half; stipules long-triangular, generally attenuate, pilose. Infl. of many flowers; pedicels 5~8mm long, brownish tomentose. Sepals fused for most of length; lobes 2~4mm long, brown-tomentose. Petals white or ivory, oblong, around 7~8 x 3~4mm, shallowly emarginate. Fruit pyriform to broadly ellipsoid-oblong or subglobose, up to 50 x 35mm; skin yellow, around tomentose; flesh sweet. (- Webb et.al., 1988)

Flowering:

April, May June, July, August,
September, October, November.

Fruiting:

October-
December.

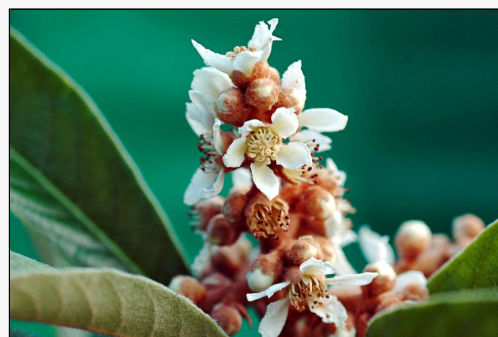
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Caption: Abaxial surface of leaf.
Whanganui. Apr 2011.

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