

## Growing your Duku Langsat Lansium domesticum

Lansium domesticum is an open canopied, upright tree growing to 10 metres. It is semi-deciduous particularly if it is grown in an area with a dry winter climate. This cultivar produces large yellow skinned fruit, greater than golf ball size, with translucent, sweet flesh which has a slight perfume.

It is extremely hardy and drought tolerant and responds well to pruning to shape and size. This is best done following fruiting.

When your plant arrives, it is important to get it potted up as soon as possible. I would use a standard 150 to 200 mm pot and a well drained soil mix. I use Searle's brand but any quality mix is fine. Add a teaspoon of Osmocote and water in well.

Keep your plant in bright filtered light with maybe some early morning sun for a couple of weeks until it starts to re-establish, then slowly move it to more sun. This species seems to prefer protection from hot afternoon sun for the first year or two.

Water your plant occasionally in dry weather while it is young, but as it matures your tree will handle dry spells extremely well.

The only major pests of this plant are chewing insects such as Grasshoppers and Caterpillars, these can simply be crushed or sprayed with the insecticide Carbaryl.

Best of success with your plant, do contact me if I can be of any further help.

Regards

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