

# Garden Notes

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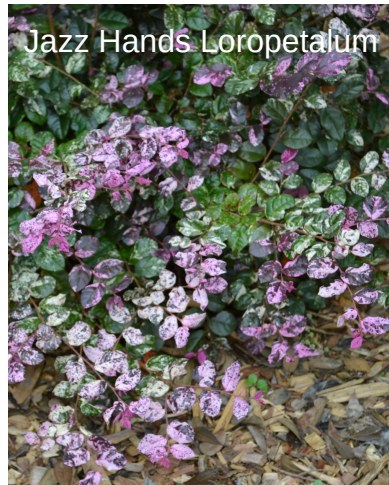
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## Shrub Installation

Our cool season is the perfect time to add a new shrub to your landscape. Plants have time to begin establishment before the heat ramps up. Be sure to follow UF IFAS planting guidelines for appropriate [planting depth and practices](#). We see many shrubs planted too deeply that decline and die.



Jazz Hands Loropetalum



## Tasty and Showy Kale

There are many selections of kale that brighten the garden and your dinner plate. Kale is very tolerant of our winter weather and continues to grow well as you harvest older leaves first. Start seeds of Casper (pictured), Toscano, or Russian Red now through February.

## Loquat

Although not native to Florida, the Loquat or Japanese plum is adapted to North Florida conditions. Unlike its relatives, apple, peach, and pear, the loquat is an evergreen tree providing a tropical look with attractive dark green leaves.

Flowers appear in Fall and are pollinated by many insects.

Orange fruits are ready for harvest in spring if temperatures have not been too cold.

Loquat trees can reach 20 to 25 feet in height with a good spread. Seedling trees will produce fruit but improved flavors are available with different cultivars.