



Red Buckeye*
Aesculus pavia

Height: 20 feet

Spread: 20 feet

Sunlight: ☉ ● ●

Hardiness Zone: 4b

Description:

A very attractive small tree for general garden use, with upright panicles of intensely red flowers in spring that are magnets for hummingbirds; performs best with some protection from afternoon sun; leaves drop in early fall

Ornamental Features

Red Buckeye features showy spikes of ruby-red flowers rising above the foliage from early to mid spring. It has dark green deciduous foliage. The palmate leaves do not develop any appreciable fall color.

Landscape Attributes

Red Buckeye is an open multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with a more or less rounded form. Its strikingly bold and coarse texture can be very effective in a balanced landscape composition.

This is a relatively low maintenance shrub, and should not require much pruning, except when necessary, such as to remove dieback. It is a good choice for attracting butterflies and hummingbirds to your yard. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Messy

Red Buckeye is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- General Garden Use



Red Buckeye flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



Red Buckeye in bloom
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



Planting & Growing

Red Buckeye will grow to be about 20 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 20 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 2 feet from the ground, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 60 years or more.

This shrub performs well in both full sun and full shade. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution, and will benefit from being planted in a relatively sheltered location. This species is native to parts of North America.

Lindley's Florida Native

Aesculus pavia (red buckeye) is a deciduous tree with decorative, shiny green leaves and 6inch+ long panicles of red tubular flowers that bloom in the spring. The tree naturally occurs in low, rich woodland and slopes along streams, and seems to prefer sites with adequate moisture and afternoon shade. Flowers attract ruby-throated hummingbirds.

** This is a 'special order' plant - contact store for details*