

**horsechestnut** [Hippocastanaceae](#) *Aesculus hippocastanum* L. 

symbol: AEHI

**vTree**

**Leaf:** Opposite, palmately compound leaf with usually 7, obovate, serrate leaflets (4 to 6 inches long), dark green above and paler below, petioles as long as leaflets.

**Flower:** Creamy white in a large showy upright cluster, 5 to 8 inches long, appear in spring.

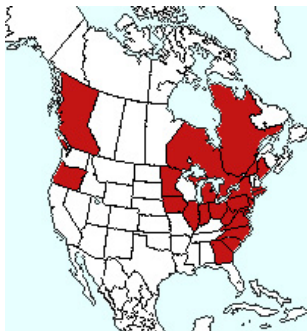
**Fruit:** Nearly round with thick, leathery very spiny husks enclosing 1 to 3 smooth, chestnut brown seeds.

**Twig:** Stout, with a large shield-shaped leaf scar; terminal buds are large (1/2 to 1 inch); shiny, sticky and reddish brown, lateral buds are much smaller.

**Bark:** Light to dark brownish gray, developing irregular scaly, rough ridges.

**Form:** Upright, 40 to 60 feet tall with a round or oblong crown, 1 to 2 feet in diameter.

**Looks like:** [yellow buckeye](#) - [Ohio buckeye](#) - [red buckeye](#)



Native to Greece, planted in zones 3-7 and known to escape cultivation.

**Additional Range Information:**

*Aesculus hippocastanum* is planted in the [USDA hardiness zones](#) shown above and **may seed into the landscape**. [See states reporting horsechestnut](#).

**External Links:**

[USDA Plants Database](#)  
[Horticulture](#)

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