

Aesculus - Growing Guide

Growing Aesculus

Buckeye, Horse chestnut

It was only after visiting Michael Heseltine's national collection of Aesculus at Thenhurst that the realisation dawned that this genus can extend the flowering season on to late May and early June in a woodland garden that is, by then, close to finishing up for the season. Aesculus hippocastanum, the horse chestnut may be a common street or parkland flowering tree but other species have much more varied and colourful flowers. This all led to the creation of a new Aesculus plantation in Kennel Close at Caerhays in which there are now 15 species and varieties to admire as ornamental flowering trees.

Aesculus x mutabilis 'Induta' was one of the stars of the show gardens at Chelsea 2019. This is a slow growing shrub which is ideal for the smaller garden and has apricot coloured flowers with yellow markings.



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A. pavia, the red buckeye, is another beautiful large shrub with crimson-red flowers. A. chinensis, the Chinese horse chestnut, has long slender cylindrical racemes.



Aesculus pavia



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Aesculus parvifolia



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Aesculus turbiniata



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Aesculus indica



A. indica 'Sydney Pearce'



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A. x carnea 'Briotii'



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Most of these are large spreading trees which need space to grow in full su



Aesculus atrosanguinea



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Aesculus flava



Aesculus glabra



Aesculus hippocastanum



A. hippocastanum
'Baumannii'



Aesculus wilsonii



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Aesculus woerlitzensis

View this video on Youtube here <https://www.youtube.com/24M-gWKRIsM>

Aesculus Wilsonii - Video Tip

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