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## Ohio Buckeye

***Aesculus glabra***

Height: 35 feet

Spread: 35 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 3

**Description:**

An ideal choice for the small home landscape, with nice yellow flowers, good fall color and a compact growth habit, curiously fan-shaped leaves; susceptible to leaf scorch in dry sites, spiny seeds may necessitate some maintenance

**Ornamental Features**

Ohio Buckeye features showy spikes of creamy white flowers rising above the foliage from mid to mid spring. It has dark green deciduous foliage which emerges light green in spring. The palmate leaves turn an outstanding coppery-bronze in the fall. However, the fruit can be messy in the landscape and may require occasional clean-up.

**Landscape Attributes**

Ohio Buckeye is a dense deciduous tree with a more or less rounded form. Its relatively coarse texture can be used to stand it apart from other landscape plants with finer foliage.

This tree will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. It is a good choice for attracting birds, bees and squirrels to your yard. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Messy

Ohio Buckeye is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Shade



*Ohio Buckeye flowers*
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**Planting & Growing**

Ohio Buckeye will grow to be about 35 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 35 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 3 feet from the ground, and should not be planted underneath power lines. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 60 years or more.

This tree does best in full sun to partial shade. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone in winter to protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This species is native to parts of North America.

Nursery Notes

This tree is under-utilized in Colorado. It does very well on the Front Range.



*Ohio Buckeye in fall*
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