



Aesculus californica
California Buckeye

Tree

Sun

Moderate water

Origin: California

The Buckeye is one of California's showiest flowering trees. It can be grown as a single or multi trunk tree or large shrub. It can grow 15 to 45 feet high and wide. It is winter and drought deciduous. In spring, brown buds burst forth with an abundance of bright green foliage. Once filled with foliage, white bottlebrush like flowers bloom at the branch tips. Heavy round fruits ripen in late fall and split to reveal shiny, one to three inch wide chestnut brown seeds, hence the common name Buckeye. Even without leaves the curving white branches create a sculptural effect. Compatible plants are Baccharis, Juncus, Erigeron, Fragaria, Iris, Galvesia, and

Solanum. Please note that Buckeye seeds are poisonous and the pollen and nectar are poisonous to European honeybees.