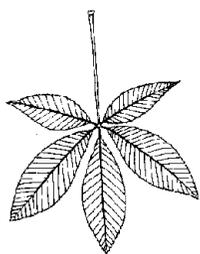


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Like the Horse Chestnut the leaf is palmately compound (like the palm of your hand) with 5 leaflets without stems. The leaflets are 4-7 inches long, broader toward the tip which is pointed.

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Yellow Buckeye

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The flowers are 4-7 inches long clusters of yellow blossoms which bloom in the late spring. The poisonous seed is borne in a smooth pod unlike the Horse Chestnut which has a prickly pod.

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A moderately sized tree it can grow to 40-60 feet. The bark of older trees can be quite scaly. Note that the lower branches droop toward the ground.

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A related species, the Ohio Buckeye (*Aesculus glabra*) has smaller, narrower, leaflets, and the seed pods are spiny. The Ohio State tree is the only horse chestnut with bright orange fall color.

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