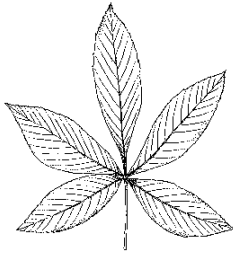


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The compound leaf is palmate, like your hand, with 5 leaflets. The leaf stem is itself six inches long, and each serrated leaflet is equally long. These leaflets are narrow having a very short stem.

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Aesculus pavia

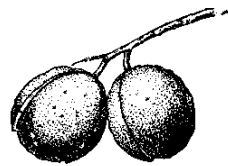
Red Buckeye

Georgia Buckeye

Aesculus pavia

Red Buckeye

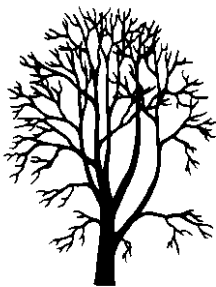
Georgia Buckeye



The flowers bloom early in the spring as clusters of red blossoms. The nut is encased in a smooth light brown capsule. This nut, like the Horsechestnut, is known as a 'conker' in England.

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The bark is gray-brown or even light gray with cracks and fissures. Often found as a bush, the Red Buckeye can grow to 25 feet as a tree.

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The specific name, *pavia*, is from the Dutch botanist Peter Paaw who wrote in the 18th century as 'Petrus Pavius'. As most of the nuts of the Horsechestnut family, these seeds (or conkers) are somewhat poisonous. Legend has it that conkers were given as medicine to horses to cure a colic.

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