

Aesculus californica

California Buckeye



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LARGE SHRUB to TREE - deciduous.

15 - 30' high, 18' spread.

Thick-stemmed interesting structure (attractive even when no leaves. Smooth white to gray bark).

Showy cylindrical clusters of fragrant white to pink flowers - April to June.

Large seed capsules - late summer.

Native habitat: dry foothills and canyon slopes, chaparral and foothill woodland communities below 4000' - Sierra Nevada and Coast Ranges.

Full sun to part shade. Frost resistant.

Well-drained soil.

Water 1/month in summer, once established.

Slopes, naturalizing, an accent plant. Combine with low-growing plants. Will retain leaves longer if given supplemental water.

Attractive seeds, but poisonous.

