



*Aesculus hippocastanum*

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Showy flowers are held in a panicle. Flowers at the top are often male, while flowers on the lower portion of the panicle are usually perfect.



Fruit is a spiky, dehiscent capsule that splits open at maturity to reveal 2 to 3 large, shiny, brown seeds.



Leaves palmately compound and opposite. 7 (5 to 9) leaflets; broadest above the middle; doubly toothed.



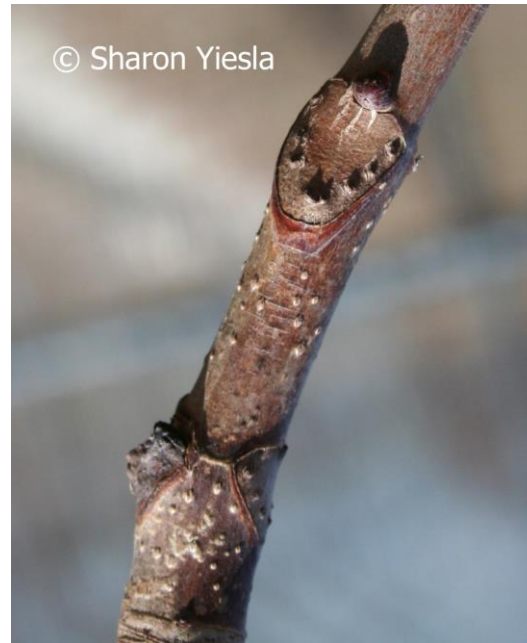
The terminal bud is imbricate; bud scales are dark brown and sticky.







Leaf scar is large and shield shaped



Mature bark is flaky.



The mature form of the tree is pyramidal to rounded. Height: 50 to 75 feet.



Fall color is yellow.

