Buckeye, Mystic Ruby

Aesculus x bushii 'Mystic Ruby'



Buckeye, Mystic Ruby flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 25 feet

Spread: 15 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 4b

Other Names: Aesculusx bushii Aaron1

Description:

A very attractive rounded-oval tree for general garden use, with upright panicles of rosy-red flowers in spring; just the right size for small home landscapes and gardens; good resistance to leaf scorch and leaf blotch

Ornamental Features

Buckeye, Mystic Ruby features showy spikes of rose flowers with red overtones rising above the foliage from early to mid spring. It has dark green deciduous foliage. The palmate leaves turn yellow in fall. However, the fruit can be messy in the landscape and may require occasional clean-up.

Landscape Attributes

Buckeye, Mystic Ruby is a dense multi-stemmed deciduous tree with a more or less rounded form. Its relatively coarse texture can be used to stand it apart from other landscape plants with finer foliage.

This tree will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. It is a good choice for attracting squirrels to your yard. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Messy

Buckeye, Mystic Ruby is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

Buckeye, Mystic Ruby will grow to be about 25 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 15 feet. It has a high canopy of foliage that sits well above the ground, and is suitable for planting under power lines. As it matures, the lower branches of this tree can be strategically removed to create a high enough canopy to support unobstructed human traffic underneath. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 60 years or more.

This tree does best in full sun to partial shade. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. This plant should be periodically fertilized throughout the active growing season with a specially-formulated acidic fertilizer. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone in winter to protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.

Clean up Rating (1-5) 1=least effort 5=most effort

Clean up Rating (4): Some 1 1/2 to 2 inch pods, holding 1 to 3 shiny dark brown nuts. Clean up nuts by raking. Clean up the leaves by blowing or raking onto the lawn and mow or bag them.