

Aesculus indica

Botanical Name: *Aesculus indica*

Common Name: Indian horse-chestnut

Morphological Characteristics:

Aesculus indica is an attractive tree growing to about 30 meters (100 feet) with a spread of about 12 meters (39 feet). It is hardy to -15°C (5°F), USDA zones 7-9.^[2] It is in flower from June to July, and the seeds ripen in October. The flowers are hermaphroditic and with plentiful white blossoms during May and June pollinated by bees. Its large leaves 10–20 cm long by 2–6 cm wide are also ornamental and the mature tree forms a beautiful round canopy.



Growing season and Type:

1. The flowers appear in July and are carried in upright spikes, up to 30 cm high or more.
2. Indian horse chestnut is a handsome tree which is widely cultivated as an ornamental in temperate regions. Flowering occurs some six weeks later than other chestnuts, making this species a popular addition to parks and roadsides, since it extends the flowering season.
3. The insect-pollinated flowers appear during a relatively barren period between the spring and summer blooms of other shrubs and trees, making this tree a particularly valuable resource for bees.



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- 1) Flower of *Aesculus indica*
- 2) Leaf of *Aesculus indica*
- 3) *Aesculus indica* tree