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## **Aesculus** (*Hippocastanaceae*)



### **x carnea,**

Deciduous tree, with dense and compact round crown. Leaves 8-15 cm, made up of 5 deep green leaves; autumn colours brownish-yellow. Pinkish-red flowers in upright spikes, 15-20 cm long, in May. Fruits: few, round, slightly prickly. Growing requirements and use: like *Aesculus hippocastanum*.

### **x carnea "Briotii",** Red Horse Chestnut

Origin: selected in France in 1858. Deciduous tree with round or ovoidal crown. Leaves 10- 15cm made up of 5 leaflets, dark green, yellow in autumn. Flowers in upright spikes 20cm long, bright blood red, larger than those of *Aesculus x carnea*, in May. Bears little fruit. Uses and growing requirements like *Aesculus hippocastanum*.



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**hippocastanum,**  
Indian Chestnut, Horse Chestnut

Origin: the cool, humid mountains which separate Albania and Macedonia from Greece. Majestic deciduous tree with round or ovoidal crown. Compound leaves which turn yellow in autumn. Flowers grouped in upright, pyramidal racemes, white and spotted with pink and red at the base. Prickly fruit, which contain one or two shiny brown seeds. This plant is ideal for countries in North Europe or for the cool mountain valleys of Italy. It adapts to various types of soil except if too compact at the surface. .

**hippocastanum "Baumannii"**

Origin: selected in France in 1822. Very similar to *Aesculus hippocastanum*, but generally smaller. The leaves are identical but the flowers are white, double, sterile and arranged in shorter and thicker panicles; the flowering period is also longer. It does not produce any fruit, or only a little, and so is suitable for town avenues. It has the same growing requirements as *A. hippocastanum*.

