

# Georgia "aka Yellow" Buckeye



Common Name: yellow buckeye  
Family: Sapindaceae  
Native Range: North America  
Zone: 4 to 8  
Height: 50.00 to 75.00 feet  
Spread: 30.00 to 50.00 feet  
Bloom Time: April to May  
Bloom Description: Yellow  
Sun: Full sun to part shade  
Water: Medium  
Maintenance: Medium  
Suggested Use: Shade Tree, Flowering Tree  
Flower: Showy  
Leaf: Good Fall  
Fruit: Showy

Yellow buckeye is a medium to large deciduous tree that grows 50-75' (less frequently to 90') tall with an oblong-rounded crown. It is the largest of the buckeyes that are native to the U. S. It is typically found in rich soils on river bottoms, stream banks and mountain slopes from southeastern Pennsylvania to northern Alabama and Georgia and down the Ohio River valley to Illinois. Since colonial times, buckeyes have been carried by many school children and adults as good luck charms even though they are poisonous.



In September-October, the buckeye fruits mature. These potato-shaped fruits have thick, leathery husks that enclose 1-3 seeds. This tree can be distinguished from other, similar trees by the smoothness of the exterior of the fruits, as opposed to species such as the Horse Chestnut, which have spiny exteriors. Upon falling to the ground, the buckeye fruits split open. The seeds contained within the fruits are a beautiful deep glossy brown color, with a large, lighter brown patch on one side—the “buck eye.”