

ONLA's June 2002 "Plant of the Month"

Bottlebrush Buckeye *Aesculus parviflora*



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Outstanding graceful multi-stemmed shrub (8-12 feet tall and equal dimensions in spread) with horizontal effects, attractive foliage and lovely flowers.

Often planted in groups, it is described by some as "flowing" amidst mixed plantings of shrubs and trees of varied sizes. Adaptable to different exposures and soils, though partial shade and acid, well-drained organic soils are common sites.

Flowers are creamy white foot-long upright panicles that rise above the flat fans of foliage in late June and early July, providing a light, whispery effect in the landscape just when you need it as the summer heat arrives.

Compound leaves in with 5-7 leaflets are a clean dark-green and rarely plagued by Guignardia blotch fungal disease which is a significant aesthetic problem on the related horsechestnut and the Ohio buckeye.



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A true must for a woodland garden.

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