Wisselink Horse Chestnut

Aesculus hippocastanum 'Wisselink'



Wisselink Horse Chestnut foliage
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 40 feet

Spread: 20 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 4

Other Names: Conker Tree

Description:

A beautiful form with large leaves dusted silver describes this strong growing handsome tree, magnificent as a focal point on the landscape

Ornamental Features

Wisselink Horse Chestnut features bold spikes of white flowers with pink overtones rising above the foliage in mid spring. It has grayish green foliage with hints of silver which emerges light green in spring. The palmate leaves turn yellow in fall.

Landscape Attributes

Wisselink Horse Chestnut is a dense deciduous tree with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its relatively coarse texture can be used to stand it apart from other landscape plants with finer foliage.

This is a high maintenance tree that will require regular care and upkeep, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Messy
- Disease

Wisselink Horse Chestnut is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Shade
- Vertical Accent

Planting & Growing

Wisselink Horse Chestnut will grow to be about 40 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 20 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 4 feet from the ground, and should not be planted underneath power lines. 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. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.