Aesculus californica

California buckeye

General Culture:
Deciduous shrub/small tree; 10-20 ft. height and spread. Leaves palmate and apple-green in spring. The trunk and stems are silvery gray. In April, fragrant creamy flower plumes bloom at the branch ends. In the fall the 2” shiny seeds hang from branch ends. They are attractive in autumn flower arrangement.

Problems:
All parts are TOXIC. Nectar and pollen are toxic to honeybees. With limited water will drop leaves in mid-summer.

Sunlight needs
Drought tolerant once established, will drop leaves mid-summer on limited water. Prefers good drainage
Attracts hummingbirds