

## Aesculus x carnea

## 'Briotii' Horsechestnut

Zone: 3-7

Height: 30'

Width: 40'

Crown: Round

Growth Rate: Slow

Soil: Clay, Loam, Sand

pH: Acidic

Drought: Moderate tolerance

Breakage: Resistant

Pests: Few



Everything about 'Briotii' horsechestnut is bold. The leaf is nearly a foot across and dark, dark green leaflets. The flower is 12" and bright pinkish red. The leaf buds as they swell to open look like cigars.

The tree itself is not especially tall, but it has impact in the landscape. If it were a football player, it would be a full-

back and its uniform would be dark green covered with bright pinkish/red splotches: dark green for the leaves, red splotches for the flowers.

'Briotii' is a tree that wants to grow out, rather than up. It must be encouraged by pruning back the lateral branches. The tree and these lateral branches caliper up rather quickly, so you want to be sure to remove the laterals as soon as necessary. If not, you could end up with a 2" caliper tree that is 5' high and 8' wide. 'Briotii' is resistant to fungal leaf spots, and there are few if any other diseases. We've seen scale on 'Briotii', but they are very large and easily removed by hand. Japanese Beetles can be a problem.

