

Fort Worth Botanic Garden Perennial Garden



Texas Native Red Buckeye

Two varieties of buckeye can be found in the garden: Mexican buckeye and Red buckeye. Both are small trees with spring blooms, but the native Red buckeye (photo above) likes to grow as an understory tree and frequently loses its leaves in late summer. It likes a moderate amount of water and slightly acid soils, but will tolerate our more alkaline soil.

Mexican buckeye (banner photo), in the Soapberry family, resembles a redbud tree from a distance, but the unique lobed seed pods contain marble-like shiny seeds ½ inch in diameter. This small tree thrives on dry soil in hot conditions.

Double Kerria Japonica



Tarrant County Master Gardeners Present

“What’s Bloomin’ NOW?”

April



Colorful plants to see:

- Two types of buckeyes:
 - Mexican buckeye (see banner photo above), an 8-15 foot multi-trunked deciduous tree, has striking purple blooms and interesting 3 lobed seed pods
 - Texas native Red buckeye, which is in the horse chestnut family, looks totally different with long blooming branches of red flowers (see photo at left)
- Two types of Japanese maples with leaf colors of deep red or lime green, depending on the maple variety
- Bulbs:
 - Spanish bluebells in blue or white
 - Daffodils
 - Dutch iris
- Kerria japonica in both single and double blooms (see double bloom in photo at left)
- Hinckley’s columbine
- Ajuga, also called bugleweed, a purple-leaved ground cover which mimics bluebonnets in spring with lovely blue flower spikes
- Lenten rose
- Wisteria
- White evergreen clematis