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Aesculus x carnea

[Synonyms : *Aesculus hippocastanum* x *pavia*, *Aesculus rubicunda*]

PINK HORSE CHESTNUT is a deciduous shrub or tree. A cultivated hybrid from Albania and northern Greece it has small deep pink or red flowers.

It is also known as *Punahevokastanj* (Finnish), Red buckeye, Red horse chestnut, *Rodblommig hästkastanj* (Swedish), *Rosskastanie* (German), and *Rotblühende* (German).

The flowers are pollinated by bees.

Carnea means ‘flesh-coloured or deep pink’.

Authorities appear to have accepted the pink horse chestnut as a distinct species since 1818 although its actual origin is unrecorded.