



Ohio Statehouse Celebrates **Earth Day**

April 22, 2008

Planting a Yellow Buckeye Tree

Yellow buckeye (*Aesculus octandra*), also called sweet buckeye or big buckeye, is the largest of the buckeye tree species. The Yellow Buckeye Tree is native to Southern Ohio. The shape and foliage make this an attractive shade tree.

The dark green leaves have five leaflets and turn orange in the autumn. Yellow flowers appear in May, and later, smooth brown capsules grow with one or two buckeyes inside. Buckeyes contain aesculin, a poisonous glucoside, and are not edible.

Other Earth Day Activities

Plant a tree.

Ride a bicycle.

Carpool or take the bus.

Pick up litter on your street.

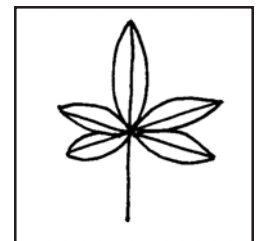
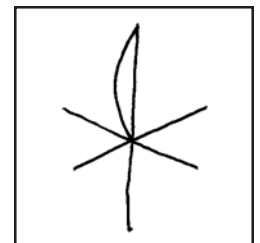
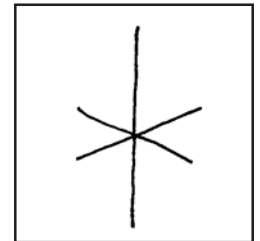
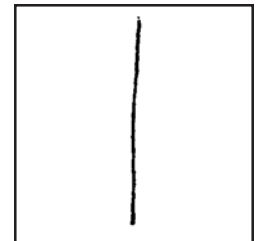
Recycle paper, glass and plastic.

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History of Earth Day

Earth Day was created by U.S. Senator Gaylord Nelson after he visited California and saw an oil spill. He returned to Washington D.C. and organized April 22, 1970 as a day to teach about protecting the environment. It's estimated that 20 million people across America participated in that first celebration. Earth Day continues as a peaceful day for all Americans to remember how important it is to live in a clean environment.

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How to draw a buckeye leaf and nut