

Botanical Name: *Vitex agnus-castus*
Common Name: Chaste Tree
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TREE



Spring



Summer



Fall



Winter

Family: Lamiaceae
Origin: Mediterranean to Asia
Climate Zone: USDA 6-10, Sunset 4-24, H1-2
Mature Height: 15-25 feet
Mature Width: 15-20 feet
Plant Type: Deciduous
Growth Habit: Upright, multi-branching
Growth Rate: Fast
Flower Color/Details: Fragrant tiny lavender-blue in spikes at branch ends and leaf joints, 7-8" long
Flower Season: Late spring through fall
Bark: Grayish
Fruit: Tiny seed pods persist into winter
Foliage: 5-7 leaves in a fan, paler green above, grayish white below, aromatic
Use: As a small tree or large shrub, shrub border, courtyard, or specimen, gray garden, container
Floral: Flower arrangements
Wildlife/Beneficials: Attracts butterflies, native and honeybees, hummingbirds, many other birds
Deer Resistant: Yes
Fire Resistant: Yes
Medicinal Uses/Edible: Medicinal herb, see our herbal references
Adverse Factors: May look messy in late winter when seed pods are ravaged by birds and wind

Soil: Adaptable, well drained
Exposure: Full sun, loves heat
Water Requirements: Low, drought tolerant
WUCOLS Water Needs: L L L M M M
UC Davis Arboretum All-Star: No
Description: Deciduous multi-trunk shrub or small tree with a soft lacy look, magnificent color in late summer, pleasant scented flowers and leaves.
Maintenance: Prune established trees high for a small shade tree. Deadhead flower spikes after blooming to encourage more blooms. In spring cut out dead wood and shorten last year's flower branches. Essentially pest free. Hardy to 0°F.



#1 Nursery Container