

Botanical Name: Vitex agnus-castus

Common Name: Chaste tree

Type of Plant: dicot; shrub Family Verbenaceae

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape woody, broad spreading, multi-trunked shrub to small tree with  
upright, arching branches creating a fountain-like habit; deciduous

Height 6' to 10' (25') Spread 10' plus Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoor Full sun to part shade; warm, sunny exposure is best

Soil rich moist soils are best; tolerates many

Hardiness hardy (zones 4-24)

Morphology:

Leaves palmately compound; leaves 4 long; margins entire; 5 to 7 leaflets  
lanceolate to elliptical; dark green above, light green underside

Flowers panicles to 1'; lavender; varieties 'Alba' with white flowers and  
'Rosea' with pink flowers

Fruit small red drupe, resembles cherry

Propagation: seed, layering, hardwood cuttings

Usage: large filler, small shade tree, accent for form and flowers;  
background, screen; can be used in woodsy or rustic landscapes

Landscape Care:

Watering prefers regular watering; flower color fades with excess water

Fertilizing balanced fertilizer in spring

Pruning thin and head regularly; prune for shape

Pests/Diseases aphids on new growth; fairly pest resistant

Other resistant to oak root fungus

Origin: Southern Europe