

Blue Puffball Chaste Tree



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Vitex agnus-castus 'PIIVAC-II'

Height: 3 feet

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight: ○ ●

Hardiness Zone: 6b

Description:

A dwarf garden shrub with airy spikes of deep purple-blue, fragrant flowers throughout the summer; distinctive sea-green palmate leaves; can be used as a dieback shrub in colder climates, as it flowers on new wood and regrows vigorously

Ornamental Features

Blue Puffball Chaste Tree has panicles of fragrant blue flowers with purple overtones rising above the foliage from late spring to early fall. Its fragrant palmate leaves remain bluish-green in colour throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Blue Puffball Chaste Tree is an open multi-stemmed perennial with a more or less rounded form. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other garden plants with less refined foliage.

This plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and is best cut back to the ground in late winter before active growth resumes. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Blue Puffball Chaste Tree is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting



Blue Puffball Chaste Tree flowers
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Planting & Growing

Blue Puffball Chaste Tree will grow to be about 3 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 3 feet. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. Although it is technically a woody plant, this fast-growing plant can be expected to behave as a perennial in our climate if planted outdoors over the winter, usually regrowing from its base (crown) the following year. As such, gardeners should take into consideration that it will perform differently than it would in its native habitat.

This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist locations, and should do just fine under typical garden conditions. It is considered to be drought-tolerant, and thus makes an ideal choice for a low-water garden or xeriscape application. It is not particular as to soil type or pH, and is able to handle environmental salt. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments, and will benefit from being planted in a relatively sheltered location. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

Blue Puffball Chaste Tree is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. Because of its height, it is often used as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden. Be aware that in our climate, most plants cannot be expected to survive the winter if left in containers outdoors, and this plant is no exception. Contact our experts for more information on how to protect it over the winter months.