

Flip Side Chaste Tree



Flip Side® Chaste Tree

Vitex 'Bailtexone'

Height: 8 feet

Spread: 8 feet

Sunlight: ○ ●

Hardiness Zone: 7a

Description:

A compact hybrid selection with airy spikes of reblooming purple flowers throughout summer; distinctive olive green palmate leaves have dusky purple undersides; likes full sun and is very easy to grow; may be shaped into a small tree

Ornamental Features

Flip Side Chaste Tree has panicles of fragrant purple flowers with blue overtones rising above the foliage from early to late summer. Its attractive fragrant palmate leaves remain forest green in colour with curious plum purple undersides throughout the season. However, the fruit can be messy in the landscape and may require occasional clean-up.

Landscape Attributes

Flip Side Chaste Tree is an open multi-stemmed perennial with a shapely form and gracefully arching foliage. Its medium texture blends into the garden, but can always be balanced by a couple of finer or coarser plants for an effective composition.

This plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep. Trim off the flower heads after they fade and die to encourage more blooms late into the season. It is a good choice for attracting bees, butterflies and hummingbirds to your yard, but is not particularly attractive to deer who tend to leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Flip Side Chaste Tree is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use



Flip Side Chaste Tree flowers
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Planting & Growing

Flip Side Chaste Tree will grow to be about 8 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 8 feet. It tends to be leggy, with a typical clearance of 1 foot from the ground, and should be underplanted with lower-growing perennials. Although it is technically a woody plant, this slow-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. To help this plant achieve its best flowering performance, periodically apply a flower-boosting fertilizer from early spring through into the active growing season. 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 particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.