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Shoal Creek Chaste Tree

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Vitex agnus-castus 'Shoal Creek'

Height: 15 feet

Spread: 12 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 6b

Description:

An uncommon garden shrub with airy spikes of pretty lilac flowers throughout the summer, distinctive gray-green palmate leaves with silvery undersides; can be treated like a perennial and cut back each spring; flowers on new wood and regrows vigorously

Ornamental Features

Shoal Creek Chaste Tree has panicles of lightly-scented lilac purple flowers rising above the foliage from late spring to early fall. Its fragrant palmate leaves remain grayish green in colour with curious silver undersides throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Shoal Creek Chaste Tree is an open multi-stemmed perennial with an upright spreading habit of growth. 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.

Shoal Creek Chaste Tree is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

Shoal Creek Chaste Tree will grow to be about 15 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 12 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 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.



Shoal Creek Chaste Tree flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

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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.

This plant is not reliably hardy in our region, and certain restrictions may apply; contact the store for more information.