

CHASTE TREE

Vitex agnus castus (VY-teks AG-nus KAS-tus)

PERENNIAL I LAMIACEAE FAMILY

ZONES: 7-8

EXPOSURE: FULL SUN

MATURE HEIGHT: 8-15 FT | SPREAD 8-10 FT

BLOOM: PURPLE I SPRING-SUMMER















This fast-growing shrub/tree is a European native plant that grows well in North Georgia. Chasteberry or Chastetree has been used for thousands of years for restoring absent menstruation, regulating heavy periods, restoring fertility caused by hormonal imbalance, relieving pre-menstrual tension and easing menopausal symptoms.

- Culinary: fruit is used as a pepper substitute. The aromatic leaves are also used as a spice.
- Therapeutic*: seeds and fruit are anaphrodisiac, aphrodisiac, galactogogue, ophthalmic, sedative, stomachic, women's complaints. The fruit can be dried and powdered, or used to make a tincture, tea or capsules.
- Essential oils from the fruit and leaves have been used as an insect repellent.

<u>Caution</u>: should not be used during pregnancy or lactation or if suffering from certain cancers.

