

# Chastetree

## *Vitex agnus-castus* 'Shoal Creek'

Chastetree features sage-scented gray-green leaves. These soft colors make it a good background for other, brighter landscape plants. 'Shoal Creek' boasts show-stopping purple blooms. It can be planted wherever a smaller tree might enhance the landscape. Chastetree can be grown as a large, deciduous, multi-stemmed shrub or small 10 to 15 feet tall tree and is noteworthy for its showy, late springtime display. Chastetree is a fast-grower and can easily recover its size when cold weather prunes it. It is quite attractive to butterflies and bees. The tree is often planted where honey is marketed to promote excellent honey production. Chastetree seeds itself into landscaped beds and can become somewhat weedy.

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INFORMATION**

**Type:** deciduous small tree or shrub

**USDA hardiness zones:** 7b through 11

**Uses:** specimen; container or planter; trained as a standard; deck or patio

**Origin:** not native to North America

**Height:** 10 to 15 feet      **Spread:** 15 to 20 feet

**Plant spacing:** 20 feet

**Light requirement:** full sun, partial sun or partial shade

**Soil tolerances:** well drained; acidic; alkaline; sand; loam; clay

**Drought tolerance:** high

**Aerosol salt tolerance:** moderate

**Invasive potential:** not considered aggressive

**Pest resistance:** resistant to pests/diseases



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