

CHASTE TREE

VITEX AGNUS-CASTUS



DO THE DEER EAT YOUR BUTTERFLY BUSH? MEET THE CHASTE TREE. THIS WOODY MEMBER OF THE VERBENA FAMILY IS A RUGGED PLANT; IT IS DROUGHT-TOLERANT, LOVES THE HEAT, AND GOES UNBOtherED BY DEER. GROW IT AS EITHER A LARGE SHRUB OR A SMALL TREE THAT, IF LEFT TO ITS OWN DEVICES, WILL REACH 15-20' TALL. THE LILAC FLOWERS, OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO BUTTERFLIES, APPEAR IN SUMMER AND WILL CONTINUE INTO FALL IF SPENT FLOWERS ARE REMOVED. CHASTE TREE HAS A LONG HISTORY OF CULTIVATION AS A MEDICINAL, AS IS STILL USED TODAY FOR ITS HORMONE REGULATING PROPERTIES. LOVELY AS A LIMBED UP, MULTI-TRUNKED TREE.

ZONES 6-9

SUN TO LIGHT SHADE

