



Blue Puffball™ Chaste Tree

Vitex agnus-castus 'PIIVAC-II'

Height: 3 feet

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 5

Description:

A dwarf garden shrub with airy spikes of deep purple-blue, fragrant flowers throughout the summer; distinctive sea-green palmate leaves; can be used as a dieback shrub in colder climates, as it flowers on new wood and regrows vigorously

Ornamental Features

Blue Puffball Chaste Tree has panicles of fragrant blue flowers with purple overtones rising above the foliage from late spring to early fall. It has bluish-green deciduous foliage. The fragrant palmate leaves do not develop any appreciable fall color.

Landscape Attributes

Blue Puffball Chaste Tree is an open multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with a more or less rounded form. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined foliage.

This shrub will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Blue Puffball Chaste Tree is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting



*Blue Puffball Chaste Tree flowers
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Planting & Growing

Blue Puffball Chaste Tree will grow to be about 3 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 3 feet. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 50 years or more.

This shrub 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.

Blue Puffball Chaste Tree makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. Because of its height, it is often used as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when grown in a container, it may not perform exactly as indicated on the tag - this is to be expected. Also note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.