

Monk's Pepper Tree or Chaste Tree (Common Name)



Vitex agnus-castus (Scientific Name)

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Canopy potential: 15' – 20' wide

Annual Growth Rate: 24"

Powerline Compatible: 10' – 15' from base

Root Damage Potential: Low

Leaves: 5-7 leaflets, each 2-4" long, finely spaced. Bright green above, hairy beneath.

Flowers: 3/8" long, white and showy, drooping, 2-4" long clusters. Blooms in Spring.



ENVIRONMENTAL CHARACTERISTICS

Water Use: Moderate

Edible Fruit Producing: Yes, Berries; small seeds, smells like pepper, dark purple when ripe, hard, yellow inside

Allergenic: Low

BVOC Emissions: Low

Sonoran Desert Native: No

Invasive Species: No

Tree Care: Best planted in spring, full sun, or partial shade. Well-drained, fertile soil is recommended but is okay with drier soil. First year, water every week to week and a half. Best with deep irrigation. Prune away dead or damaged branches in late Spring.

