

Vitex, Texas Lilac, or Chaste Tree (Texas Superstar)

Vitex agnus-castus

Deciduous large shrub or small tree with distinctive palmately compound leaves. Profuse spikes of lavender flowers, blooming heavily in the early summer, and then sporadically throughout the summer and fall. Vitex is heat, drought and pest tolerant. 'Texas Lilac' is our group designation for several recommended cultivars including 'Montrose Purple,' 'LeCompte,' and 'Shoal Creek,' all of which are considered Texas Superstars™.

Exposure: Full sun; partial sun

Size: Height 10-15 feet tall, up to 15 feet wide

Bloom Time: May till frost.

Care: Vitex is coarse growing and will become a small tree quickly. Flowering is more spectacular if the plant is pruned heavily after bloom.

