

Vitex negundo

Botanical name: *Vitex negundo*

Common name: Chinese chaste tree, five-leaved chaste tree

Morphological characters:

Vitex negundo is an erect shrub or small tree growing from 2 to 8 m (6.6 to 26.2 ft) in height. The bark is reddish-brown. Its leaves are digitate, with five lanceolate leaflets, sometimes three. Each leaflet is around 4 to 10 cm (1.6 to 3.9 in) in length, with the central leaflet being the largest and possessing a stalk. The leaf edges are toothed or serrated and the bottom surface is covered in hair.^[3] The numerous flowers are borne in panicles 10 to 20 cm (3.9 to 7.9 in) in length. Each is around 6 to 7 cm (2.4 to 2.8 in) long and are white to blue in color. The petals are of different lengths, with the middle lower lobe being the longest. Both the corolla and calyx are covered in dense hairs. The fruit is a succulent drupe, 4 mm (0.16 in) in diameter, rounded to egg-shaped. It is black or purple when ripe.



Growing season and type:

1. *Vitex negundo* are commonly found near bodies of water, recently disturbed land, grasslands, and mixed open forests.
2. Plant can grow on nutritionally poor soil.



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1. Flower of *Vitex negundo*

2. Leaves of *Vitex negundo*

3. *Vitex negundo* plant

Source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vitex_negundo