

Vitex trifolia

SIMPLELEAF CHASTETREE

Lamiaceae

Common Synonyms: *none*

FLEPPC Category: 2

FDACS Listed Noxious Weed: No

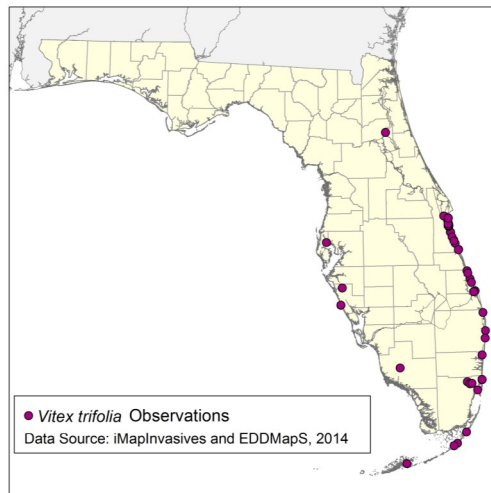
IFAS Assessment

North	CAUTION
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South	CAUTION

USDA Hardiness Zone: 9a-11

Growth Habit: Shrub or tree

Origin: Asia



Pete Diamond

Description: Shrub or small tree less than 5 m in height. Stems covered by soft hairs (tomentose). Leaves opposite, compound (may have only 1 leaflet), usually with 3 leaflets, linear, 1 -12 cm in length. Upper leaf surface green, lower surface grayish green. Flowers in panicles up to 18 cm in length. Flowers purple to violet, corolla two-lipped, approximately 5 mm long. Fruit fleshy, 6 mm in diameter, containing 4 small black seeds.

Habitat: disturbed areas

Comments:

Florida Introduction Date: Earliest Florida herbarium specimen from 1940.

Control Methods:

No specific recommendations available.

Useful Resources:

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