

# *Vitex trifolia*

## SIMPLELEAF CHASTETREE

### Lamiaceae

Common Synonyms: *none*

**FLEPPC Category:** 2

**FDACS Listed Noxious Weed:** No

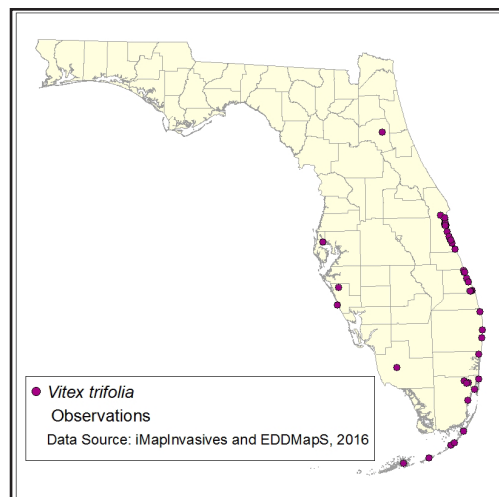
**IFAS Assessment**

North	CAUTION
Central	CAUTION
South	CAUTION

**USDA Hardiness Zone:** 9a-11

**Growth Habit:** Shrub or tree

**Origin:** Asia



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**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

**Florida Introduction Date:** Earliest Florida herbarium specimen from 1940.

**Control Methods:** Manually remove seedlings.

Basalbark with 30% triclopyr ester.

**Useful Resources:**

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