PLANT FACT SHEET

Vitex divaricata Swartz

GENUS *Vitex* **FAMILY** Lamiaceae

COMMON NAMES Guiana chaste tree

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Bark - medicine

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or tree. It can grow 20 m tall. The bark peels in long strips. It loses its leaves during the year. The leaves usually have 3 leaflets. They are oblong and 14 cm long. There can be a few hairs on the midrib. The flowers in long stalked groups in the axils of the leaves. These can be 15 cm long. The flowers have a scent. The fruit are black and oval and 1 cm long.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows from sea level to medium altitudes above sea level. It suits the seasonally dry tropics.

NOTES

Also put in the family Verbenaceae.

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