PLANT FACT SHEET

Vitex compressa Turcz.

GENUS *Vitex* **FAMILY** Lamiaceae

COMMON NAMES Compressed chaste tree

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 20 m high. The leaves have 5 leaflets. The middle 3 leaflets are not equal. The leaf stalks are 5-12 cm long. The flower panicles are 11-30 cm long and 3-5 cm wide. The fruit is fleshy and round of flattened. It is 1.3 cm long by 1.5 cm wide. It is purple when ripe. The pulp is edible.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows near marshes and in forests on ridges.

NOTES

Also put in the family Verbenaceae.

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