



PURIRI

(*Vitex lucens*)

CANOPY
10.0m+



Description:

- Solid trunk with a spreading top. Distinctive crinkled leaves
- Tolerant of both shade and sun, to be found in the north
- Intolerant of wet soil as it prone to root rot

Flowers & Seed:

- Year round pink tubular flowers producing pink / black fruit
- The berries are favoured by the wood pigeons
- Pollination is by tui, bellbird, stitchbird and the like seeking nectar

Pests/Diseases:

- Puriri moth larvae burrow deep into the tree consequently it has limited commercial value

Uses:

- It has been used as railway sleepers, house blocks and fence posts