

Botanical Name: *Penstemon eatonii*

Common Name: Firecracker Penstemon



Family: Scrophulariaceae

Native Distribution: Rocky slopes in E California, S Utah, SW Colorado, NE New Mexico, and Arizona

Plant Size: 1-4' tall, 1' wide, perennial

Flowers: Brilliant red from February to April and October to February

Foliage: Dark green, shiny lance-shaped to ovate

Site Preferences: Full sun to part shade, well drained soil

Landscape Uses: In Phoenix, use as seasonal color, mixed with other perennials, and in butterfly gardens.

Other Stuff:

- Longer-lived than *P. parryi*.
- Less woody or corky with lots of thorns.
- Prefer elevations from 2000 to 7000 ft.
- Readily re-seeds.
- Remove spent flower stalks to encourage flowering.
- Attracts hummingbirds and bees.