

Botanical Name: *Penstemon parryi*

Common Name: Parry's Penstemon



Family: Scrophulariaceae

Native Distribution: Mountain canyons and well draining slopes in southern Arizona extending further south into Sonora, Mexico

Plant Size: Up to 8" tall, 2' wide shrub or herbaceous perennial

Flowers: Distinctive, showy spikes 1-3' tall with funnel-shaped $\frac{3}{4}$ " flowers in many shades of red and pink from February to April

Foliage: Blueish-green, thick and soft, lanceolate leaves with sometimes purplish lower stems

Site Preferences: Full sun

Landscape Uses: Use as accent color, in rock gardens, as mass plantings.

Other Stuff:

- Good with natural rainfall or water monthly in winter and bi-monthly in the growing season.
- Fruit pods contain pepper-sized seeds.
- Requires good drainage and amended soil.
- Little maintenance required.
- Prefer elevations of 1500-5000 ft.
- Remove flowering stalks just as seed is forming to stimulate flowering and prolong life of plant.
- Needs lots of sunlight to flower but also likes a respite from the afternoon Phoenix sun.
- Can be susceptible to pests and diseases with over-watering.
- Attracts hummingbirds.